

**Beatty Town Advisory Board
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**Minutes
01/09/13**

**THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 6:30PM IN THE BEATTY COMMUNITY CENTER.
THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD HEREAFTER WILL BE REFERRED TO AS THE (BTAB)
THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS HEREAFTER WILL BE REFERRED TO AS THEIR RESPECTIVE INITIALS.**

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**Dick Gardner (DG) – Chair
Kelly Carroll (KC) – Vice Chair
Erika Gerling (EG) – Treasurer
Randy Reed (RR) – Member (Absent)
Crystal Taylor (CT) – Member**

1 Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

DG – Stated for the record Randy Reed is not here.

2 For Possible Action -Approval of the Agenda for the BTAB meeting of January 09, 2013.

CT – Move to approve the agenda of January 9, 2013 and pull item 6 emergency items; Second EG; 4-0

3 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (Three-minute time limit per person.) Action will not be taken on the matters considered during this period until specifically included on an agenda as an action item.

None

4 For Possible Action – Approval Meeting Minutes dated; December 12, 2012.

CT – Motion to approve the minutes dated December 12, 2012; Second EG; 4-0

5 For Possible Action – Election of Officers

a) Election of Chairman

KC – Nominated Dick Gardner for Chair; Second EG; 3-1 abstain (DG)

b) Election of Vice-Chairman

EG – Nominated Kelly Carroll for Vice-Chair; Second CT; 3-1 abstain (KC)

c) Election of Treasurer

CT – Nominated Erika Gerling for Treasurer; Second KC; 3-1 abstain (EG)

6 For Possible Action – Emergency Items

Item pulled

7 For Possible Action – Board Member's Comments (This item limited to announcements or topics/issues proposed for future workshops/agendas)

KC – None; CT – None;

EG – Stated she received a request from a citizen about replacing the red flashing light that was suspended over the intersection at the center of town (Hwy 95 & Main) it's a part of Beatty History, and asked staff to contact NDOT about this request.

DG – Thanked the Board for its confidence and for electing him Chair.

8 Reports (informational only)

i. Beatty Area Plan

DG - Stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday the 28th at 3pm in the Community Center small room.

ii. Beatty Chamber

No Report

iii. Beatty Habitat Committee

Shirley Harlan - Stated that most of the trees have been planted at the Torrance and Parker Ranches; she is mentioning this because eventually the Ranches will be a part of the Habitat Trails.

iv. Beatty Library

Shirley Harlan - Stated that several months ago she pledged Twenty Five Thousand Dollars to the Beatty Library Building fund, with the hope that the donation would bring in more donations and help by providing matching funds when applying for grants. Several grant applications were submitted by the Library last year but none were selected for funding. Ms. Harlan is pledging an additional Seventy Five Thousand Dollars to the building fund in hopes that One Hundred Thousand Dollars pledged to the building fund will bring in more donations from other individuals and organizations and have a bigger impact when applying for grants this year.

Ms. Harlan - Stated she is doing this because she feels Libraries especially in rural areas are very important.

Ms. Harlan - Stated the funds are currently invested; they will be pulled out of the investment when construction begins, a pledge has been made to the Beatty Library for the funds and it is also in my will.

EG - Stated that the BTAB committed funds to the berm removal which is part of the Habitat Trails project a few months ago. The berm removal will start in about three weeks.

v. Beatty Medical Clinic

Dr. McGinnis - Stated there is something nasty in Town, and to please be careful; wash your hands, don't share food and drinks.

Dr. McGinnis - Stated that the 1st course of How to cope with chronic diseases, started last night at 5:30pm. This course will be on Tuesday nights at 5:30, the location has been changed from the clinic to the Senior Apartments Community Room. The course is free, it was funded by a grant, and booklet is given to each participant. The course is available to the individuals who suffer from a chronic disease and caregivers. Six people attended this first class; they are looking for twelve participants. The class is a Stanford course taught by laypeople, the content and the instructors are great. The next course will be about diabetes.

Dr. McGinnis - Stated she will not be at the Clinic on January 23rd and 24th, she will be teaching an EMS refresher course in Death Valley, the Clinic will be open and a replacement Doctor should be on staff.

vi. Beatty Museum

Amina Anderson - Stated that the exhibit from the Arts Council; Honest Horses will end on January 24th. On January 27th at 2pm Nicholas Clapp will be doing a book signing; the book is Gold and Silver in Mojave.

vii. Beatty Town Square

DG - Stated we are still waiting on grant instructions.

viii. Commissioner's

No Report

ix. Desert Hills Cemetery

No Report

9-Reports Continued

x. Emergency Services

Mike Harmon; BVFD Chief- Stated that as of December 12, 2012 the BVFD had; 11 medical calls and 2 fire calls with 5 responders each and 1 vehicle accident with 7 responders.

Chief Harmon – Stated the BVFD has 18 members, which is the most the department has had in a long time, due to the training we are receiving from Nye County Emergency Services.

Chief Harmon – Stated that the BVFD responded to 128 calls in 2012.

Vance Payne; Nye County Emergency Services Director – Stated that he must comment on the growth in volunteers participating in emergency services in Beatty; places draw because of their reputation and training but that does not mean anything without approachable people with good leadership skills. Beatty has both of those in Mike Harmon (BVDF) and Allison Henderson (Beatty Ambulance).

DG – Interjected that Vance is here to talk about the challenges with getting bids for the Ambulance Barn.

Vance Payne – Thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak with them and went on to say that Beatty has a beautiful shell of an ambulance barn. It is the largest in the County and is planned to be a satellite EOC. To date \$441,269.00 has been invested in this building, including the \$63,000.00 the Town of Beatty (BTAB) contributed to the project, which was very much appreciated. Nye County Emergency Services has approximately \$150,000.00 to finish the inside of the Ambulance Barn.

Mr. Payne – Stated that shortly after he took on his current job he found out that the last bid had failed. He spoke to Judy Dodge (Purchasing) about the first two bid failures, Judy recommended the scope of work be changed. Several people were involved in the rewrite of the scope of working including; Dick Gardner (BTAB), Mike Harmon (BVFD), Allison Henderson (BVAS), and a few others, there were five people involved. In December of 2012 the project went out to bid for the third time, 5 bidders came to the pre-bid meeting, the lowest bid submitted was for \$293,000.00 which is a lot more than the \$150,00.00 we have to spend.

Mr. Payne- Stated he and Judy are not sure how to proceed with this project, there are several rules that must be followed including the prevailing wage requirement and lack of licensed contractors in Beatty; both of these issues are making getting this project done a challenge.

EG – Stated that besides asking us (the Town/BTAB) for the \$63,000.00 contribution to the project, Mr. Payne is the first Nye County Emergency Services Director to come and include the Town on project decisions and challenges and she really appreciates Vance being here and involving the community in the project.

DG – Stated he asked Mr. Payne why can't we as a community do the work and have each phase inspected by Buildings and Grounds or pay a County Inspector to come up and do the inspections.

DG – Stated that we do need to get this project done, the building does not do anyone any good just sitting there if it can't be used; Discussion followed.

Mr. Payne – Stated the rules of the road are hard and unforgiving, as a result of that there is a Community Center sitting as a shell in Gabbs it has been that way for over four years. This is not a new problem for Nye County and it isn't the first problem for this town.

KC – Asked what kind of contractor do we need for this project.

Mr. Payne – Stated we need a contractor licensed to do business in Nevada and Nye County. In order to use volunteers the policy would have to be changed. Commissioner Wichman has spearheaded a campaign to work with the District Attorney to make changes due to similar challenges with the Manhattan Church rehabilitation project. The DA is considering creating a methodology for volunteers to do the work under direction similar to Dick' suggestion; Discussion followed.

Mr. Payne – Stated that there is a County Staff meeting tomorrow and he plans on being there and will support any discussion about making changes that will allow Volunteers to do the work.

Mr. Payne – Stated he is going to move forward with this, he is not giving up on the project.

EG – Stated it has been over five years since Buildings and Grounds stated they would complete the work at the Fire Hall and nothing has been done; Discussion followed.

Mr. Payne – Stated he asked for an extension to use the grant funds, the extension was granted until April of this year; Discussion followed.

9-Reports Continued

xi. Ordinances

DG - Stated that the BVFD Ordinance modifications were approved by the BOCC at their January 8th meeting.

xii. Other

Beatty Economic Development, Inc (BEDC)

No Report

Beatty General Improvement District (BGID)

Gary Reid BGID Secretary - Stated that BGID is working on moving a building to the Horseshoe Pits to serve as a restroom. The building is currently in the lower level softball field behind the Death Valley Inn.

Mr. Reid - Gave the board a list of supplies needed for the project including a cost estimate of those supplies, prepared by BGID's maintenance person; Discussion followed.

EG - Clarified that the building would be used for bathrooms and concessions.

Mr. Reid - Stated it would serve both purposes; Discussion followed.

DG - Stated that the list looks like they are reconstructing the whole building, they may be better off just building a new structure.

EG - Clarified that BGID is not asking the BTAB for funds, they are just sharing information.

Mr. Reid - Stated BGID is not asking for funding, they are just updating BTAB.

EG - Suggested leaving the building where it is, then it could serve the horseshoe pit and ball field; Discussion followed.

EG - Suggested that BGID review the Room Tax Reports for budget purposes.

DG - Asked if anything has been done about the parking area above the Skate Park.

Mr. Reid - Stated that the solution so far is to use telephone poles, in post holes. A suggestion he made was to use old large tires buried halfway in the dirt.

Mr. Reid - Stated that one letter of interest has been submitted for the open seat on BGID. They will advertise for the open seat again.

EG - Clarified that any board member whose term expires in 2014, must file for reelection with the Clerk's Office.

Mr. Reid - Stated that BGID is aware of that now.

EG - Recommended that BGID send a letter to the Commissioners letting them know that BGID understands the election process and will follow it going forward.

DG - Thanked Gary for coming and giving a report.

Beatty Health & Welfare

No Report

Beatty Lions Club

No Report

Beatty Water & Sanitation District (BWSD)

Amina Anderson - Stated that there will be a meeting on the 17th and that BWSD is currently accepting letters of interest for one open seat on their board. They will accept letters until January 31st at the BWSD Office.

DG - Asked if she knew anything about the upcoming rate increase.

Ms. Anderson - Stated she did not; it will be addressed at a BWSD meeting.

Other Community or Civic Organization

None

9-Reports Continued

xiii. Secretary

Carrie Radomski - Reported monies collected for services performed by the Town Office and sent to the Nye County Treasurer for the month of December 2012:

Notary - \$52.50; Photo Copy - \$1.40; Fax - \$14.00; Community Center Rental - \$400.00; Table/Chair Rental - \$10.00 for a total of \$477.90 credited to the Town Accounts.

Ms. Radomski - Read the Nye County Population Estimates through fourth quarter 2012 prepared by the Nye County Department of Planning; Beatty population 1,037, if anyone would like a copy they are available at the Town Office.

Ms. Radomski - Read a news release received from RSVP regarding a quarterly training session to be held Thursday January 17th from 10am to 12:30pm in Pahrump, if anyone would like details a copy of the flyer is available at the Town Office.

Ms. Radomski - Read correspondence that was copied to the BTAB regarding potential trademark infringement the Beatty Chamber sent to the Pahrump Town Board, and Roadshows, Inc. The Beatty Chamber received a response from Roadshows, Inc. apologizing for any possible infringement, stating they were not aware that "Gateway to Death Valley" was trademarked by Beatty. Now that they are aware they will not use it. No response has been received from the Pahrump Town Board as of the date of this meeting. If anyone would like a copy of the correspondence it is available at the Town Office.

xiv. Treasurer

EG - Reviewed the budget numbers as of December 2012 with 50% of the year past.

Administration Expenditures	\$82,747.87	24% of the budget
Translators Expenditures	\$633.05	13% of the budget
Fire Department Expenditures	\$66,476.42	23% of the budget
Cemetery Expenditures	\$1,600.49	16% of the budget
Community Cntr Expenditures	\$8,627.53	7% of the budget
Chamber Expenditures	\$15,445.65	44% of the budget
Museum Expenditures	\$14,268.59	35% of the budget
Town Tourism Expenditures	\$4,394.00	6% of the budget

Capital projects, Special Capital projects have had no expenditures to date. Room Tax Capital, has had one expenditure to date in the amount of \$23,540.00 for the Museum Heat/AC.

9 Consent Agenda Items

a. Action - Discussion of any item from the Consent Agenda Items that needs review before a decision is made.

b. Approval of Town Vouchers

EG - Motion to pay the town vouchers in the amount of \$2,563.90; Second KC; 4-0

10 General Business

a. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to grant approval to Nye County Public Works to move forward with corrections to Street Sign Numbers – Nye County Road Department; Ken Plewe

Ken Plewe - Introduced himself and stated that it is a pleasure to be here with us, and that we are a very civil group of people.

Mr. Plewe - Stated he received a couple of calls from Beatty citizens complaining about the street signs in Beatty. In the past the street signs were put up with numbering based on addresses. The dividing lines are HWY 95 in one direction and First Street in another. The addresses were assigned by Beatty Water and Sanitation, but are now assigned by the County.

Mr. Plewe - Gave some examples of existing street sign numbering and the proposed corrections, referring to notes on a map he provided as backup.

Mr. Plewe - Stated some of the street signs may be patched some may need to be replaced, but any patched signs must meet NDOT standards. There are approximately 215 corrections that need to be made; Discussion followed.

EG - Clarified that if the signs are corrected it will not impact individual addresses.

Mr. Plewe - Confirmed it would not; Discussion followed.

CT - Asked if east and west would be added to the signs.

Mr. Plewe - Confirmed it would.

EG - Asked about the potential fiscal impact stated on the agenda; Five to Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00 to \$35,000.00).

Mr. Plewe - Stated he could not respond to the fiscal impact yet. If the local sign shop can do the work it should cut the cost.

EG - Motion to grant approval to Nye County Public Works to move forward in with corrections of the street sign numbers in Beatty, noting at this time BTAB is making no monetary commitment to the project; Second CT; 4-0

b. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to review the existing Capital Plan project and identify potential projects for a 2013/2014 list, and all matters pertaining thereto. – Randy Reed

DG - Stated that Randy is not here tonight and this is his item.

Item Tabled until first meeting in February

c. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to sign and submit a letter to the Nye County Comptroller’s Office authorizing the submission of specific utility bills for payment without the signatures of the Beatty Town Advisory Board and all matters pertaining thereto. – Beatty Town Office; Carrie Radomski

Carrie Radomski - Explained that this is a housekeeping item; this letter allows the Town Office to pay the utility bills without delay.

DG - Read the list of vendors on the letter.

KC - Motion to submit a letter to the Nye County Comptroller’s Office authorizing the submission of specific utility bills for payment without the signatures of the Beatty Town Advisory Board, and all matters pertaining thereto; Second CT; 4-0

10 General business continued

- d. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to establish a board member and an alternate board member to be responsible for the signing of Administrative Documents: timesheets, order requests, vacation and sick leave requests and any other personnel related matters. Consideration should be give to selecting a primary board member and an alternate Board Member. – Beatty Town Office; Carrie Radomski**

Carrie Radomski – Explained that this is an annual housekeeping item that will designate who the Town Support staff contacts for assistance and who will be the primary person responsible for the items listed above. BTAB rules of procedure state this is the responsibility of the Chair, we place this on the agenda for approval in the event the Chair is unable or unwilling to perform this task.

Ms. Radomski – Stated for the record that last year the primary was Dick Gardner the Chair and the secondary was Kelly Carroll the Vice Chair.

EG – Motion to select Dick Gardner be the primary signing authority for administrative documents and Kelly secondary; Second KC; 4-0

- e. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to authorize the use of temporary help when Town Support Staff takes personal time off during the 2012 calendar year. – Beatty Town Office; Carrie Radomski**

Carrie Radomski – Explained that this is a housekeeping item and the use additional of staff is budgeted in annually. The purpose is to prevent the Office from being closed when Staff takes personal time off.

CT- Motion to authorize the use of temporary help when Town Support Staff takes personal time off during the 2013 calendar year; Second EG; 4-0

11 General Public Comment

Gary Reid – Asked if the BTAB could submit a request to increase the lighting at the crosswalk on HWY 95 and First Street (Rebel/KC's Outpost) and have the existing crosswalk signs improved (flashing lights installed on the signs).

Dr. McGinnis – Stated that the Boy Scouts had their first committee meeting. They need four leaders for elementary Scouts; background checks are done on the volunteers. Please see her if you would like an application.

EG – Stated the next committee meeting will be held in February.

Dr. McGinnis – Stated they will be looking for adults that can teach Merritt badge classes; this would be a one time commitment.

DG – Stated the next BTAB meeting will be February 13th, we will not have the second meeting in January due to training up in Tonopah.

12 Adjournment

KC – motion to adjourn 8:08pm; Second CT; 4-0