

**Beatty Town Advisory Board
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**Minutes
02/13/13**

**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
Crystal Taylor (CT) – Member**

1 Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

2 For Possible Action -Approval of the Agenda for the BTAB meeting of February 13, 2013.

RR – Motion to approve the agenda of the Beatty Town Advisory Board for the meeting of February 13, 2013, and to pull item 5 emergency items; Second CT; 5-0

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 of the minutes dated January 9, 2013.

CT – Motion to approve the minutes dated January 9, 2013; Second KC; 4-1 abstain RR

5 For Possible Action – Emergency Items

Item Pulled

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

KC – None; RR-None

EG – Stated she and CT attended both ICS training sessions in Tonopah, the sessions were very informative and they learned a lot. Carrie is scheduled to take the training in March and after that she would like to schedule a workshop with Vance Payne Nye County Emergency Services Director.

CT – Reiterated what EG said the classes were very good.

DG – Read a thank you card from the Keppler/Harmon families for the use of the Community Center for a memorial service.

7 Presentation – Corvus Gold; Carl Brechtel COO

Carl Brechtel; Corvus Gold COO – Introduced himself and thanked the community for the opportunity to report back, it was September 2012 the last time he spoke to the BTAB and the community. A lot of progress has been made since then. He introduced Debbie (Debra W. Struhsacker) who is the liaison with local, state and federal government as well as the community.

Mr. Brechtel – Stated that Debbie will speak to the group a little later about forming a community advisory group.

Mr. Brechtel – Gave the required disclosure about forward looking statements. Last time he introduced the company and the people, this time he is introducing some of the other properties the company has. They have four exploration ventures in Alaska and one in northern Québec, but Corvus is focused on North Bullfrog, this is the core asset and where all attention is focused, and the majority of their resources are going right now. We like Nevada; it's a good place to do business, a low risk place to do business.

Mr. Brechtel – Explained the slides; we have expanded our land holdings to the east to the highway, giving us control of the property, as people hear about the gold they can't come in and take up land. The drilling had been completed at the Mayflower resource last fall. A new discovery of a higher grade vein type deposit has been made in the north area of our property; we call that the Yellow Jacket. We are showing the distribution of our resources; we have two very large resources in the north area called Jolly Jane, and Sierra Blanca, and in the south Mayflower. Mayflower is the real focus of what we are doing right now because we believe that we can bring that into production earlier than the north area. In addition to the field work that we did we completed some preliminary engineering studies and evaluations of the economics of the operation, that's called a preliminary economic analysis or assessment. We performed that on a project that has two parts; the Mayflower mining operation which we started with and eventually a mine in the north, we completed that in the fall and published those results in December, those results look favorable, and so we are moving forward as fast as we can. Our schedule is; we completed a PEA last year, we have a feasibility study on Mayflower that we are planning to complete by March. We hope that the feasibility study will be successful and that will be the basis of an application to the State permitting agencies to be able to construct and operate Mayflower. If we can hold to that schedule and assuming we can work with the State on the permitting process while dealing with BLM, we are looking to have the construction started in 2014, perhaps being in operation by the end of 2014. The north mine projection will take a lot longer it has to go through engineering and feasibility we don't anticipate starting that until the end of this year or early 2014, at that time we will go into environmental impact statement process which can take several years, we are looking at 2016 to start construction with operations starting in 2017. We have made progress on discoveries of higher grade possibilities; we initially drilled in Yellow Jacket which is in the north area of the properties. Yellow Jacket has produced some quartz veins similar to what was mined in the old Bullfrog days, so we are very excited by the potential higher grade resources, we have also hit some at Mayflower as well. We have intercepted multiple veins two widths in the range of 10 to 15 feet with grades as high as 20 grams a ton of gold and 1500 grams a ton of silver, which is very similar to what they were working on at the Bullfrog mine. We are waiting on the BLM assessment; we believe that it will be released to the public soon. You will be able to read what other outside experts say about the environmental impact that will go along with our drilling operations, not mining, and comment on it. We hope we can get some favorable comments from the community on it. We entered into a letter of intent with Beatty Water and Sanitation District to help them examine the potential of helping to supply us with water, that letter of intent is a mechanism for us to support the District in its evaluation of our proposal and our request, so we are supporting financially the work that they do with their consultants and attorneys. Water quality is important to us; we put four wells in on our property last summer. Those are to help us establish the base line characteristics of the existing water before we do anything. We now have extended that to the spring of one of our neighbors and will be expanding that to other land holders in the Oasis Valley, so that we generate a large scale sample of water before we start anything. We had a Community meeting in December with a lot of our neighbors, they had some issues with some of the things we had done in the expansion of our land, and we listened to them and tried to respond to some of their requests, and will continue to work until we have all of their concerns resolved. We have leased two houses in Beatty our staff members are living in real homes here, which is a nice change for us as we do our work over the next year. We had a site tour with State Senator Pete Goicoechea and Assemblyman James Oscarson; we spent a couple of hours showing them the site and explained what we are trying to do. We are reaching out to individuals in government that represent this area so they understand what we are trying to do. We have had discussions with Valley Electric about improving the power line that comes up through Oasis Valley, hopefully that will come to fruition in the next month or so. We want to make sure there is the capacity to service our needs when we are ready to start. Right now we are really focusing on our exploration drilling and obtaining the permit to advance that this year. The Mayflower mining project we believe will go for permitting at the end of this year or early next year, and then the north mine project estimate is toward the end of 2015.

Mr. Brechtel – Asked for questions.

Shirley Harlan – Asked how are you going to transport the water from Beatty to the mine?

Mr. Brechtel – Stated they would have to build a pipeline; Discussion followed.

Shirley Harlan – Asked what types of arrangements they have in terms of the number of gallons per minute or the amount of water you would take from the Beatty source.

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7 Presentation continued– Corvus Gold; Carl Brechtel COO

Mr. Brechtel – Stated that at this time there are no arrangements yet but the amount of water needed is the same as was discussed at the meeting last year; the estimate is about 350 gallons per minute for the production phase; Discussion followed.

Audience – Asked if the pipeline would be above ground or buried.

Mr. Brechtel – Stated he believes it would be buried; the optimum would be to come up the highway because it is a utility corridor.

Audience- Asked if they have scrapped plans for the water in Sacrobatus.

Mr. Brechtel – Stated their property straddles the Oasis and Sacrobatus Valleys, so the location for the processing for the northern mine is in Sacrobatus. So the water would have to come out of the Sacrobatus basin so that there is not an inter-basin transfer; Discussion followed.

Audience – Asked if he said there was no transfer of water between basins.

Mr. Brechtel – Stated that's right between Sacrobatus and Oasis Valley.

Audience – Clarified there is none now or it is against the law.

Mr. Brechtel – Stated he does not believe there is any now, and it requires a permit by the State Engineer to allow the transfer. For example some of Beatty's water comes from Amargosa Valley that is allowed due to a permit issued by the State Engineer.

Audience – I misunderstood, it could be possible to have an inter-basin transfer to your Mayflower.

Mr. Brechtel - According to the State Engineer it requires a survey of all the spring and water sources in the basin, those basins have never been surveyed before. There is a lot of work to be done to establish that information, to support a decision.

Audience – Asked if one of the source basins besides the Sacrobatus basin would be basin 230 where our main well is EW4.

Mr. Brechtel – Clarified that is called the Amargosa Valley basin and went on to say if we are buying water from BWSO out of their system it is impossible to isolate their source; Discussion followed.

Mr. Brechtel – Stated he hasn't had any detailed discussions with Fred (BWSO Manager) about the system, but he is aware that Indian Springs is the most important site for the good quality water for Beatty and is off limits to us.

Audience – Asked what basins would be used.

Mr. Brechtel – Stated for Mayflower it would be Oasis Valley which is 228, for the north mine it would be in Sacrobatus.

Debbie – Asked the Board and audience if they would be interested in forming an informal North Bullfrog Advisory Group. The reason we are suggesting this to you is that in working with other mines that are located in or near small communities like Beatty, the mines look for a way to work collaboratively with the community to make the mining project the best for that community and these groups seem to work well. We don't need a decision tonight but would like you to consider it. If any of you are interested, perhaps we could meet again to discuss when the best time to meet would be.

DG – Suggested if you are interested please give your name to Carrie at the office and she will forward it on.

Audience – It is a great idea to have that, do you have to put that on an agenda?

EG – Stated if it's not the BTAB's committee, we would not.

Renie Younghans – Stated she thinks it should be discussed at a BTAB meeting, and doesn't know if the BTAB would want to give up its authority about this.

8 Reports

i. Beatty Area Plan

DG – Stated the next meeting will be Monday the 25th at 3pm in the Community Center small room.

ii. Beatty Chamber

Karen Jacoby-Gray and Ann Marchand – Shared the advertising campaign that the Beatty Chamber of Commerce is running in the Nevada Magazine March/April issue and the Las Vegas Review Journal.

EG – Stated that when she recently stayed in Tonopah, there were brochures for local attractions in her hotel room but none for Beatty. Could we get some of ours up there for distribution?

Ms. Marchand – Stated that the Chamber has taken some up there, but there is no Chamber of Commerce in Tonopah, and there was nobody who was distributing them. We will follow up again.

iii. Beatty Habitat Committee

Shirley Harlan – Stated they have been dormant over the winter but with spring coming on they will ramp up again.

iv. Beatty Library

Shirley Harlan – Stated she has pledged \$100,000.00 to the Library building fund, it will remain invested until needed. They are working to establish a building savings account to accept smaller donations and are working to create a friends of the Library group.

Ms. Harlan- Stated she strongly feels those small donations are important to make the Community feel a part of the project.

v. Beatty Medical Clinic

Dr. McGinnis – Stated that the Healthy Living classes are continuing and they are still taking RSVP's for the Living with Diabetes Class. The meetings are every Tuesday at the Community Center small room from 5:30 to 7:30pm.

Dr. McGinnis – Stated she will be in Carson City the last week in February Tuesday through Thursday, the clinic will be open, and Dr. Sally Miller will be covering. She will be attending the ICS training on March 6th and 7th and March 20th and 21st in Pahrump. She will be gone the last week in March and first week in April for the annual wilderness medicine training, they are still working on coverage.

vi. Beatty Museum

Amina Anderson; Beatty Museum Manger – Stated that on March 21st the Arts Council display "Stop the Car Dad" will be at the Museum. A grand opening celebration date and time is yet to be determined.

Nicole Altman; Beatty Museum Staff – Stated that they are working hard to get the collections categorized. If anyone has any suggestions for the Museum displays at the Town Office or the Senior Center to please contact the Museum.

vii. Beatty Town Square

Carrie Radomski – Stated that she received an update on the approved grant; the grant instructions are still pending.

viii. Commissioner's

None

ix. Desert Hills Cemetery

DG – Stated that there was cold weather damage to the sprinkler system, and Ricardo is working to repair it. A meeting may be scheduled for next month.

x. Emergency Services

Chief Harmon – Reported calls for the month; 1 fire with 7 responders and 2 accidents with 6 responders each.

xi. Ordinances

None

8 Reports Continued

xii. Other

Beatty Economic Development, Inc (BEDC)

Albert Verrilli; Corporate Officer – Stated that with 99% surety BEDC has a source to catch up on property taxes and pay them going forward. BEDC is working with a tax person in Las Vegas to update filings.

Mr. Verrilli – Stated he attended a UNLV seminar about the management of non-profit corporation, and plans on attending more of them.

Beatty General Improvement District (BGID)

Amina Anderson; Board Member – Stated that BGID is looking for a board member and has a part time employment opportunity available, applications are available at the Chamber and Museum.

Beatty Health & Welfare

None

Beatty Lions Club

None

Beatty Water & Sanitation District (BWSD)

Amina Anderson; Board Member – Stated that BWSD will be holding their rate increase meeting on the 21st in the Community Center large room at 6:00pm.

Other Community or Civic Organization

None

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 January 2013:

Notary – \$82.50; Photo Copy - \$9.40; Fax - \$5.00; for a total of \$96.90 credited to the Town Accounts.

Ms. Radomski – Stated she has the latest Nye County Airports report if anyone would like a copy.

Ms. Radomski – Gave an update on Tough Mudder which is scheduled for April 13th and 14th, there was a meeting in January with some of the community, a copy of the minutes are available if you would like a copy. They have filed their application for their Festival Permit the public hearing will take place March 6th at 10:45am.

xiv. Treasurer

EG – Reported the fund available balances with 58% of the year elapsed as of January 31, 2013, the numbers are as of January 31st:

Department	Expenditure	Balance	
Admin	\$99,540.56	\$240,385.44	29% of the budget used
Translators	\$723.63	\$4,276.37	14% of the budget used
BVFD	\$83,465.30	\$207,427.70	29% of the budget used
Cemetery	\$1,717.75	\$8,282.25	17% of the budget used
Com Cnt Serv & Supplies	\$11,166.44	\$113,833.56	9% of the budget used
Chamber	\$18,816.15	\$16,060.85	54% of the budget used
Museum	\$17,476.23	\$23,250.77	43% of the budget used
Town Tourism	\$4,394.00	\$65,133.00	6% of the budget used
Capital Projects	\$0	\$575,293.00	0% of the budget used
Special Capital	\$0	\$102,279.00	0% of the budget used
Room Tax Capital	\$23,540.00	\$105,615.00	18% of the budget used

9 Consent Agenda Items

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

DG – Stated that there are 4 separate packets, we will bring them up one at the time.

b. Approval of Town Vouchers

DG – Stated packet 1 contains the general bills.

RR – Motion to pay packet 1 in the amount of \$7,673.00; Second CT; 5-0

DG – Stated packet 2 is for \$800.00 for the Beatty Days Chili Cook off.

RR – Motion to pay packet 2 in the amount of \$800.00; Second CT; 5-0

DG – Stated packet 3 is for \$300.00 for the Christmas Lighting contest.

RR – Motion to pay packet 3 in the amount of \$300.00; Second CT; 5-0

DG – Stated packet 4 is for \$12,200.00 half of the cost of the Translators.

RR – Motion to pay packet 4 in the amount of \$12,200.00; Second CT; 5-0

10 General Business

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

RR – Stated he placed this on the agenda to change and update the list. For example the Skate Park can be removed because the project is completed; Discussion followed.

EG – Stated everyone needs to keep in mind the fact that this is a guide, items would need to be voted on and approved separately; Discussion followed.

Carrie Radomski – Stated that having a Capital Plan is strongly recommended by Nye County Finance; Discussion followed.

EG – Suggested the item be tabled until the next meeting, which will give the board and the public time to consider the list and any changes they would like to see.

Item tabled

b. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to approve the use of the Community Center for the Beatty Chamber of Commerce meetings and to waive the deposit and rental fees. – Beatty Chamber of Commerce; Karen Gray-Jacoby President

Karen Gray-Jacoby; Chamber President – Stated the Chamber would like to use the Community Center for its meetings, on the third Thursday of the month; Discussion followed.

KC – Motion to approve the use of the Community Center for the Beatty Chamber of Commerce meetings and to waive the deposit and rental fees; Second RR; 5-0

c. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to send a letter to Nevada Department of Transportation requesting the reinstallation of the flashing light that was suspended over the intersection of HWY 95 and Main Street. – Beatty Town Office; Carrie Radomski

Carrie Radomski – Stated this item was placed on the agenda as a result of a citizen request to a board member. She has included some photos of what it looked like and a sample letter.

DG – Stated he doubts we will see it being reinstalled but he has no problem signing a letter asking that it be reinstalled.

EG – Stated a citizen asked her to place it on the agenda, and she believes it did help stop people; Discussion followed.

RR – Motion to send a letter to Nevada Department of Transportation requesting the reinstallation of the flashing light that was suspended over the intersection of HWY 95 and Main Street; Second CT; 5-0

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10 General Business Continued

- d. **For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to send a letter to Nevada Department of Transportation requesting improvements be made to the crosswalk located on HWY 95 and First Street; brighter lighting for the crosswalk and flashing lights on the crosswalk signs. – Beatty Town Office; Carrie Radomski**

Carrie Radomski – Stated this item was placed on the agenda as a result of a citizen request during public comment at the last board meeting. She has included some photos and a sample letter; Discussion followed.

RR – Motion to send a letter to Nevada Department of Transportation requesting improvements be made to the crosswalk located on HWY 95 and First Street; brighter lighting for the crosswalk and flashing lights on the crosswalk signs; Second CT; 5-0

- e. **For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to change the day of the BTAB regular meetings. – Dick Gardner**

DG – Stated that Monday would be a better day, and leave it at that.

DG – Asked for Board comments, all members said it was fine with them

DG – Asked the audience for comments, no comments.

RR – Motion to change the day of the BTAB regular meetings from Wednesday to Mondays; Second CT; 5-0

DG – Stated the next BTAB meeting will take place on the February 25th.

- f. **For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to submit comments to Nye County regarding Nye County Bill No 2013-03 Outdoor Festival Amendments. – Beatty Town Office; Carrie Radomski**

Carrie Radomski – Stated Nye County Admin sent this to the office for comment prior to the public hearing.

DG – Stated that there may be several groups that hold events in Beatty, for example Tough Mudder, which could be impacted.

EG – Stated the new ordinance states you have to pay fees up front to the Clerk; one such fee is the cost of extra Sheriffs, and read a few other modifications pertaining to food vendor licensing and sanitation requirements.

Audience – Stated he has no problem with good food and regulating that but he does have a problem with the County trying to administer our affairs at a local level. We as a Community need to have the power to regulate these things ourselves, as we have been quite properly; Discussion followed.

Audience – Could we ask for an exception because of our town population; Discussion followed.

EG – Stated it's not about the size of the town it's about the size of the event; Discussion followed.

Audience – A lot of our events are taking place on public land which can be very expensive, if you have a small organizer who wants to bring an event here these additional fees will cause us to lose our sell ability and attractiveness.

Audience – I don't understand why they want to change this, all the events held last year did not have problems.

Audience – Is this a new County ordinance?

DG – No this is an update to an existing ordinance; Discussion followed.

EG – Clarified that the public hearing is set for March 19th and comments should be submitted to Nye County Admin by March 1st; Discussion followed.

EG – Would like to propose that we do submit our comments, and asked the community and groups within the community submit comments.

Ms. Radomski – Read some of the modifications to the ordinance; Discussion followed.

EG – Motion to send a letter to the County Commissioners expressing our strong opposition to the restrictive nature of the ordinance; Second KC; 5-0

10 General Business Continued

- g. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to select meeting dates and times to be submitted to Nye County Finance with a request to schedule a 2013/2014 fiscal budget workshop. – Beatty Town Office; Carrie Radomski**

Carrie Radomski – Requested the Board select dates and times to send to Susan to schedule this year's budget workshop.

RR – Motion to invite Susan to the 2nd or 4th Monday meeting in March; Second CT; 5-0

11 General Public Comment

Renie Youngmans – I still think you need to communicate to the Commissioners that we can take care of our own stuff, and want to be exempted from these types of things. I personally have contacted one County Commissioner and they have not called me back, they don't care about Beatty.

David Spicer – We have begun our restoration project behind the Stage Coach, we have moved over 10,000 cubic yards of that berm, we have had two reviews with all of the agencies involved; the EPA, Army Core of Engineers, NRCS, Nevada Fish and Wildlife, and Federal Fish and Wildlife. Everybody is pleased with the project so far. We have discovered some additional water sources that will be beneficial to increased water flow throughout the corridor. Along with that program we have invasive weed removal with the Conservation District, we have managed to get funding from the BLM and the Nature Conservancy and that money is being used to remove invasives and is taking place simultaneously. We are in the second phase, we are adding riprap on the Stage Coach side, and we have begun the process of contacting property owners between the Beatty bridge and the outside north of the Stage Coach for permission to remove Tamarisk, and also in that process we will clear the river corridor. We will be in this process, establishing the beginnings of the Habitat Trails. We will be donating the materials once the area has been cleared, and have talked to the BLM about furthering the grant system to start the trails program. In conjunction with that program I have reached out to, as president of STORM the non-profit I began, IMBA the International Mountain Biking Association, they are strong promoters of public land use and bringing recreation to communities. They have reviewed the area here, our proximity as Gateway to Death Valley a national park that is close to us. They have done some aerial looks at some of the resources that we have and potential places to put recreational trails. The grant system we have with all of these agencies for improving the river corridor in Beatty is adding to their excitement. They believe that this is a wonderful opportunity for them to come and insert their image and themselves into a program to build recreational trails in this area. Similar to the ones you see in Moab and Sedona. They come in as a mitigator, to begin the process to get all of the agencies and stakeholders to come in and talk about the socioeconomic, environmental as well as ecological benefits that could be brought to the Community, and how they can stimulate growth and prosperity in an area, and make Beatty a destination point for recreation. I will be talking to them about a presentation, they have a group called Trail Solutions and they write the EA (environmental assessment), that enables us, once a plan is established, to go forward and request more grants to build a trail. Right now there are a lot of opportunities but we can't go forward because we do not have a formal plan. These guys will write this plan, come to this community, speak to this board, speak to all of the stake holders and begin the process. Their fee is \$12,500.00 which is quite cheap considering what they would be doing. I have some partners, I have some money I'm going to put in this, and I will be putting together a presentation to ask the community to assist in securing this \$12,500.00 to get this EA done, and start a recreational trails plan in Beatty to make Beatty a destination.

12 Adjournment

KC- motion to adjourn 8:27pm; Second RR; 5-0