## Beatty Town Advisory Board 100 A Avenue South P.O. Box 837 Beatty, NV 89003

Minutes 05/13/13

THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 6:30PM IN THE BEATTY COMMUNITY CENTER.
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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 May 13, 2013.

RR – Motion to approve the agenda of the Beatty Town Advisory Board for the meeting of May 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.

Charlie Cook – Stated he wanted everyone to be aware of Senate Bill-AB391 and they are expected to vote on it this Friday. The contents of this bill are being pushed by big companies due to the success of VEA (Valley Electric Association) in obtaining contracts for the Nevada National Security Site and Creech Air Force Base. If this bill becomes law it would require cooperatives like VEA to immediately come under the full regulation of the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada. This bill is being proposed by Danny Thompson of the AFLCIO, when was the last time we heard of the government taking over private enterprise and making a success of it.

4 For Possible Action – Approval of the Work Shop and Meeting Minutes dated April 22, 2013.

RR - Motion to approve the minutes for the Workshop and Meeting dated April 22, 2013; Second CT; 5-0

5 For Possible Action – Emergency Items

Item pulled

6 Presentation - Corvus Gold North Bullfrog Progress Update- Russell Myers; President Corvus Gold

Russell Myers; Corvus Gold President - Introduced himself.

Mr. Myers – Stated that most of you are aware that we have been in talks with the Beatty Water Board about buying water and that we have started to look seriously at starting to develop the North Bullfrog project. There have been some changes over the last few weeks which he will update everyone here on.

Mr. Myers – Began a slide presentation; Graph of gold prices from start of project in 2008 to date, the proposed project and the project that was being worked on was the Mayflower Mine project, a relatively small project, which they tried to accelerate to lock in to the high price of gold that had been achieved in the last few years. Recently gold took a rather dramatic tumble, when it did that it took the shine off of the Mayflower Mine project as a standalone project. We have to regroup, and the Mayflower project which was going to build a pipeline to take water from Beatty out to the site is not going to happen that way.

Mr. Myers – Stated that The North Bull Frog project is in the area of the old Mayflower and Pioneer mines, about seven miles north of Town. This is our main project at the moment. We really like this project because we have a main highway running within three miles of the main deposits, we have power lines beside the highway, and the people in Nye County and Beatty understand what it means to have a mine, which is a plus to us. We started operations here in 2007 and we drilled up 3 different deposits, we found a resource of 1.5 million ounces at the moment, and last year in May we discovered a high grade vein, which is was something that we had been looking for the whole time. This has the potential to change the project completely. We really believe that the North Bullfrog mine has the potential to become a mine in the relatively near future, and a big plus is there aren't many environmental issues apart from air and water quality.

Mr. Myers – Explained – That in terms of how this will affect Beatty; most people here are aware of the potential benefits that could come from a mining project. If it happens at the scale that we are envisioning at the moment it will be good for 150 to 200 people who will be employed at the mine site.

## 6 Presentation Continued- Corvus Gold North Bullfrog Progress Update- Russell Myers; President Corvus Gold

Mr. Myers – Reviewed a map of the North Bullfrog project layout, pointing out three deposits that they have drilled out at the moment. The Mayflower is a small deposit in the south, in the old Mayflower vein. Jolly Jane is a deposit that we have drilled out; its moderate in size and Sierra Blanca is a substantial deposit with over one hundred million tons of material. We were talking about developing Mayflower by its self; there would have been a heat bleach facility at Mayflower in the south and later we would have built a heat bleach up in the north. What we are thinking now is just to do this all together as one big project, and build a centralized processing facility on the Sacrobatus Flats side of Sierra Blanca, and haul all of the ore from Mayflower and Jolly Jane up to the central processing facility. The advantages for us are that instead of building two heat bleach pads, we will build one, and we will not be taking water from Oasis Valley or Amargosa Valley which is probably a plus altogether.

Mr. Myers – Described their plans for 2013; continue drilling here, we are still waiting on the BLM permit that at a minimum will allow us to construct the access roads for drilling. We hope to receive that in the next week or so at which point we will bring out a second rig and that will work for the rest of the year. This year's project budget is 3.5 million dollars. We will focus efforts on drilling the high grade at the Yellow Jacket system, located north east of the Sierra Blanca deposit, and we will drill out the first five years of ore at Sierra Blanca itself.

Mr. Myers – Emphasized that the high grade deposit has the potential to change the whole project. At the moment it's a very low grade deposit with a large tonnage. Last year at Yellow Jacket we encountered a  $5^{th}$  vein, which is what we always hoped to find, it was completely hidden from the old prospectors due to its depth. The samples contain silver sulfide and the sample pictured in the slide contains about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  oz of gold per ton and 1.5 kilograms of silver, so it was quite an exciting discovery. Cross section drilling indicates that this is a substantial deposit, similar to when the old Bullfrog open pit was here.

Mr. Myers – Commented on the next couple of years; continue the exploration drilling, drill monitor wells to begin the water baseline data collection, and develop the pit and heat bleach facilities. Our hope is that by 2014 we will have a plan that can be submitted as a beginning of the permanent process. The biggest caveat of changing directions in this way is that the Sierra Blanca deposit and heat bleach facility will now be on BLM land. That means that we will have to be involved with both the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection, and the BLM and the BLM will most certainly want an environmental impact statement. Once you involve the government time becomes unpredictable, and that will create uncertainty on the project development.

Mr. Myers – Stated that in terms of Beatty's involvement, we welcome comments and criticisms, if you see us doing something that you don't like be sure and let us know. If you think that we could be doing something that we are not, we are always looking for ways to participate in the community. We have set up a group called the North Bullfrog Advisory Committee; the idea of this group is that if you are interested in the project then you can have direct input into the planning of the project. We have everybody on an email list and we meet from time to time to discuss developments and strategies for how to enhance the project. On the 16<sup>th</sup> of May we will be holding an Open House, if anyone is interested in visiting the project we will take you around and show you where the deposits are. You can see how the project will be laid out. I realize that people are working that day; we are relatively flexible, if you want to come out let me know and we will set up a time.

Mr. Myers – Stated that he wanted to leave everybody with the clear message that Corvus Gold really wants to work together with the community of Beatty. If the North Bullfrog project goes ahead it is beneficial for, Beatty, Nye County and the Corvus share holders.

Mr. Myers - Asked for questions; discussion followed.

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

KC - None; RR-None; CT - Absent due to Emergency Services call; DG - None

EG – Gave out the School concert dates; Beatty Elementary May 21<sup>st</sup>, Middle and High School May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Beatty Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion will be on Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup>. We are signing up a lot of younger boys for Cub Scouts; we need a Scout Master and an Assistant Scout Master. The boys are selling retail discount cards for \$5.00 each

## 8 Reports

#### i. Beatty Area Plan

DG - The next meeting will be June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm in the Community Center small room.

#### ii. Beatty Chamber

Karen Gray-Jacoby – Stated the Chamber is working on Beatty Days, and they are also working on a Death Valley Appreciation, for the park employees. They are working with BVFD on that event; they are trying to have it in conjunction with the  $4^{th}$  of July celebration.

## iii. Beatty Habitat Committee

Shirley Harlan – Explained some of the development challenges some projects are facing; the Pocket Park that was going to be created in the NDOT yard has been placed on hold due to NDOT's refusal of an easement and possible requirement of the sale of the property. The Cotton Wood gallery easement has been delayed due to the uncertainty of the easement distance from the Highway, NDOT is still working on their determination. The owner of the Phoenix/Atomic agreed to a right of way some of the land behind his motel, for trail development, more follow up is required on this. Over a year ago Larry Shine agreed to donate some property to the Habitat Trails project; they have run into difficulty trying to change the land parcels. He has ultimately decided to allow for an easement through his property, and he is working on that. We applied for a Transportation Enhancement Grant from NDOT last year; it was not approved, in part due to lack of property ownership and lack of easements.

#### iv. Beatty Library

Shirley Harlan – Stated they are in the process of creating a "Friends of the Library" group so we can create a fund and a 501C3. We continue to look for grants for the expansion; we have \$100,000.00 that we can use for grants that require a match. A man by the name of Mark Andrea visited the library, and we talked about the Library's history, our need for funding for the expansion and the difficulty we are having obtaining any grant funds. He is a professor at the University of Washington in Seattle; he offered to help with grant research and writing. He said it would be a good project for his curriculum.

EG - Asked is Shirley had a cost estimate for the expansion.

Ms. Harlan – Stated that when this was first started, a couple of years ago, the estimate was for \$295,000.00. I have recently contacted a construction company that was referred to us by the former state librarian for an updated estimate.

#### v. Beatty Medical Clinic

Dr. McGinnis – Stated she wanted to thank Beatty Health and Welfare for teaming up with Nevada Health Centers to resurface the parking lot at the clinic.

Dr. McGinnis – Stated she will be out of town June 18<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup> attending a conference in Las Vegas, we are working on coverage for those dates. She will be out July 26th through August 5<sup>th</sup> on vacation; we do have coverage for those days. October 17<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup> she will be in Washington DC at the invitation of the American Academy of Nursing. She will be a panel speaker with the director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. We do have a person on call afterhours; you can call the clinic phone number after hours and talk to someone.

## vi. Beatty Museum

None

## vii. Beatty Town Square

DG - Stated we are still waiting on grant instructions. Ms. Radomski stated she had contact with Jen about the grant and she said end of the month.

## viii. Commissioner's

None

#### ix. Desert Hills Cemetery

DG - Stated flags will be put out for Veterans Day.

#### x. Emergency Services

Chief Harmon - Reported calls for the month; 1 fire, 2 accident calls, and 1 standby with the Sheriff's Office.

#### xi. Ordinances

None

#### xii. Other

Beatty Economic Development, Inc (BEDC)

None

**Beatty General Improvement District (BGID)** 

None

**Beatty Health & Welfare** 

None

**Beatty Lions Club** 

None

**Beatty Water & Sanitation District (BWSD)** 

None

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 April 2013:

Notary - \$105.00; Photo Copy - .60; Fax - \$8.00; for a total of \$113.60 credited to the Town Accounts.

Ms. Radomski – Stated that the BTAB and the Citizens of Beatty received a thank you card from Chirlet Reed, for the flowers that were sent to her while she was in the Hospital.

Ms. Radomski – Stated she has a notice of permit modifications for US Ecology, if anyone would like a copy please let her know.

Ms. Radomski – Stated she has a notice from Beatty Disposal in regard to an upcoming rate adjustment, if anyone would like a copy please let her know.

Ms. Radomski – Stated she has a public notice for temporary authorization for RCRA permit modification, hazardous waste management permit, for the Hawthorne Army Depot. They will be closing it down, if anyone would like a copy please let her know.

Ms. Radomski – Stated the Chamber was recognized at the Nevada Tourism Rural Round Up Conference for their outstanding work; The Nevada International Award was given to the Beatty Chamber of Commerce for their creation of collateral (brochures) in multiple languages. These materials have been popular with NCOT's international offices.

Ms. Radomski – Stated she received a Nevada report via email from Lorraine Hunt's office, it speaks to Nevada's Tourism Industry, and it's called "Leading the State out of Recession". If anyone would like a copy please let her know.

Ms. Radomski – Stated she has the latest Nye County Population estimates for first quarter 2013; Beatty's estimated population is 1046. This report is coming out of Nye County Department of Planning. If anyone would like a copy let her know.

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

Ms. Radomski – Stated August 17<sup>th</sup> the VFW will be holding an ICS sanctioned "Hot and Spicy Nights" Chili Cookoff, the flyer is available at the back table.

Ms. Radomski – Stated that the VFW was highlighted in the Spectrum Volunteer paper for their work at Tough Mudder this April.

#### 8 Reports continued

## xiv. Treasurer

EG - Reported the fund available balances with 83% of the year elapsed as of April 30, 2013, the report is dated today:

Department E	Expenditure	Balance	
Admin \$	\$130,985.55	\$208,940.49	39% of the budget used
Translators \$	\$991.53	\$4,008.37	20% of the budget used
BVFD \$	\$112,989.37	\$177,903.63	39% of the budget used
Cemetery \$	\$1,926.90	\$8,037.10	19% of the budget used
Com Cnt Serv & Supplies \$	\$15,337.87	\$109,662.13	12% of the budget used
Chamber \$	\$26,181.00	\$8,696.00	75% of the budget used
Museum \$	\$28,164.19	\$12,562.81	69% of the budget used
Town Tourism \$	\$10,994.00	\$58,533.00	16% of the budget used
Capital Projects \$	\$24,400.00*	\$550,893.00	0% of the budget used
Special Capital \$	\$0	\$102,279.00	0% of the budget used
Room Tax Capital \$	\$26,540.00	\$102,615.00	21% of the budget used

<sup>\*</sup>Translators

## 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

RR - Motion to approve the town vouchers in the amount of \$1,136.56; Second KC; 4-0

## 10 General Business

a. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to 1) determine if a second meeting in May should be held and 2) to set a date for a second meeting. – Beatty Town Office; Carrie Radomski

Carrie Radomski – Stated that the next regularly held meeting would fall on Memorial Day. She placed this item to see if the BTAB wanted to hold the meeting, skip the meeting, or select another date. If we skip the second meeting the next regularly scheduled meeting would take place on June  $10^{th}$ .

DG – Clarified that if we do not hold the one on the 27<sup>th</sup>, we can call a special meeting as long as notice of that meeting is posted in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

KC - Asked if it will affect the bills.

Ms. - Radomski stated it should not.

EG – Motion that we do not hold the second meeting in May, and the next regularly scheduled meeting will be the second Monday in June; Second KC; 4-0

## 10 General Business Continued

- b. For Possible Action Discussion, deliberation and decision to approve the 201-2014 update of the Highway Frontage Renovation Rebate Program Policy & Eligibility Requirements Document. Beatty Town Office; Carrie Radomski
  - Ms. Radomski Stated that this program is been in effect for several years, the way the policy is written requires an annual update, until the project funds are fully expended. The available program balance is \$16,650.15, which has been confirmed with Nye County Finance.
  - EG Clarified the funding is part from the County and part from the Town.
  - Ms. Radomski Stated that is correct.
  - EG Stated she supports the program, but does not believe we have had any applicants in the past year.
  - Ms. Radomski Stated the last application was received in December 2011, the applicant never returned the paperwork for reimbursement.
  - EG Reiterated she supports the program.
  - Ms. Radomski Stated the project number is still active; Discussion followed.
  - Ms. Radomski Stated the changes to the program are highlighted in yellow; the changes are just date changes.
  - DG Clarified the program is for Store Fronts on the Major Highways, exterior improvements only; Discussion followed.
  - RR Motion to approve the 2013/2014 update to the Highway Frontage Renovation Rebate Program Policy and Eligibility Requirements Document; Second KC; 4-0
- For Possible Action Discussion, deliberation and decision to purchase two new/additional fire hydrants from Beatty Water and Sanitation in an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). – Randy Reed
  - RR Stated he placed this item on because it has been a while since any fire prevention infrastructure improvements have been made in Beatty. He spoke with the Fire Chief about areas that could use fire hydrants. Two places were selected where the need was the greatest; Cottonwood and Christy and in the alley between Ward and Hoyt streets at C Avenue; Discussion followed.
  - Jerry Hammes Stated he encourages the BTAB to do this. In his experience, homeowner's insurance rates can be impacted by the proximity of fire hydrants. This could result in savings for the communities' residences.
  - DG Stated we have a letter from BWSD guarantying the cost.
  - EG Clarified we pay for the hydrant installation, and then BWSD will be responsible for the maintenance of them.
  - EG Clarified that there may be more fire hydrant installations but these two are top priority.
  - EG Recommended using the BTAB capital projects fund.
  - RR Motion to purchase two new/additional fire hydrants from Beatty Water and Sanitation in an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars from the BTAB capital projects fund; Second KC; 4-0

#### 10 General Business Continued

 For Possible Action - Discussion, deliberation and decision to provide up to Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00) in financial assistance for the required training for the 2013 season lifeguards.- Lorraine Gjefle

Gary Reid BGID Secretary - Introduced Lorraine Gjefle.

Lorraine Gjefle – Stated that in the last year the Red Cross has changed their training curriculum, which requires instructors as well as life guards attend the training. She can no longer train due to the changes, she needs to be recertified. She contacted several places in Las Vegas that can provide the required training and certifications. She found one gentleman that was willing to come to Beatty and train up to ten people for \$130.00 per person. Training by the Red Cross would require going to Las Vegas, and the cost per person is \$200.00.

EG - Clarified that this gentleman is a certified Red Cross trainer, why is his cost different.

Ms. Gjefle - Stated he is an independent business, and is a certified trainer.

Ms. Gjefle- Stated she is just asking for matching funds, BGID will use the salary they used to pay her for the training to pay this gentleman, and she is just asking for the funds to make up the difference between what BGID paid her and his cost.

EG - Stated she is unclear why BGID has not planned for this, the pool and its employees are their responsibility.

Gary Reed – Stated they (BGID) are currently working on their budget, this is a tentative request. They have had challenges seating a board which delayed work on their budget.

EG – Stated she does not mind helping out but she does not want to see this happen every year, BGID gets the majority of the Room Tax revenues, 5% of all room taxes collected go to BGID.

DG - Stated he wants to see the pool open.

Mr. Reed – Stated that due to the challenges with getting a board seated, BGID hasn't really had a chance to talk about this.

DG - Asked when the training is going to take place.

Ms. Gjefle - Stated June 16th, 17th, and 18th.

EG - Asked if the BGID made the decision to bring this to BTAB.

Mr. Reed - Stated that this has not been discussed by BGID.

Ms. Giefle - Stated she placed the item, not the BGID.

Mr. Reed - Suggested tabling this item, until he can take further action with his board.

EG – Stated that she would like a motion to tentatively approve \$800.00 towards the training of the lifeguards for the Beatty Pool 2013 season, the tentative part is that the BGID board vote to bring this decision to the BTAB; Discussion followed.

Carrie Radomski – Stated that it sounds like EG's intention is to conditionally approve up to \$800.00 for the 2013 lifeguards for the Beatty Pool contingent upon BGID stating that they support the request; contingent upon minutes from BGID.

EG - Stated that is correct.

Mr. Reed - Stated this would be matching funds; Discussion followed.

EG - Motion to approve up to \$800.00 in financial assistance for the required training for the 2013 season lifeguards contingent upon minutes from the BGID approving this action; Second RR; 4-0

e. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to approve the use of the Beatty Community Center- all rooms for the Beatty Days Event October 25-27 2013 along with tables, chairs and sound system rented free of charge. – Beatty Chamber of Commerce; Karen Jacoby-Gray, President

DG - Read the item.

EG - Stated so moved; Second RR; 4-0

#### 10 General Business Continued

f. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to approve Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for the Beatty Chamber of Commerce for the Beatty Days 2013 event. – Beatty Chamber of Commerce; Karen Jacoby-Gray, President.

Karen Gray-Jacoby – Stated that the amount is the same as last year, and with sponsors and grants they were able to put the event on. They are just asking for the same amount.

EG - Asked if the Chamber had filed for the event permit.

Ms. Gray-Jacoby - State that they have not yet.

EG – Asked for clarification on a few items on the anticipated budget; porta-potties, garbage/disposal, and help with events.

Ms. Gray-Jacoby – Stated the help with the events is for the bartender and she believes the BGID employees that help with the event and possibly one other person. The garbage disposal is for the large bins that are brought in, and they are billed separately from the porta-potties.

RR - Motion to approve Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for the Betty Chamber of Commerce, for the Beatty Days 2013 event; Second KC; 4-0

#### 11 General Public Comment

Jerry Hammes – Stated that he stopped coming to the BTAB meetings over two years ago because they were chaotic, and they did not accomplish anything. The only reason I came here tonight was because I wanted to hear about the mine, but having sat through what you have done, I can only complement you on the sanity you have brought into this and you've included things like the informational reports that provide a central area for information about what's going on in the Town. All I can say it's really great and I look forward to coming back to a BTAB meeting. Thank you very much for increasing the level of this group.

## 12 Adjournment

KC- motion to adjourn 8:05pm; Second RR; 4-0