

**Beatty Town Advisory Board
100 A Avenue South
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**Minutes
06/24/13**

**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 June 24, 2013.

RR – Motion to approve the agenda of the Beatty Town Advisory Board for the meeting of June 24, 2013; 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.

Crystal Taylor – Invited the Town and the BTAB to the Happy Burro Chili & Beer, annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on August 10th starting at 4pm. It's just a way to say thank you to our volunteers. Dinner is an \$8.00 donation but Volunteers eat free.

Ms. Taylor – Announced that the Beatty VFW is holding an ICS sanctioned chili cook-off on August 17th in the Stage Coach Hotel & Casino main parking lot. The event is an evening event and it starts at 6pm. The cooks will start serving at 9pm. All proceeds benefit the Beatty VFW Ladies Auxiliary. There will be a People's Choice category, the entry fee is \$10.00 and you do not have to be a member of ICS, so anyone can enter. See Russ or Crystal if you have any questions or are interested in entering the cook-off.

4 For Possible Action – Approval of the minutes dated; June 10, 2013.

RR – Motion to approve the minutes dated June 10, 2013; Second CT; 5-0

5 Presentation – Mercy Air Omni Advantage Membership Program; Gerry Julian

Gerry Julian Business Development Officer for Mercy Air – Thanked Chief Harmon for inviting him to come speak at this meeting.

Mr. Julian – Stated they have come up with a membership program with a purpose of assisting with the cost of air ambulance services by covering the balance that may not be paid by your insurance. Quite a few of insurance companies will only pay a portion of the air ambulance bill, which can leave quite a bit for the patient to pay out of pocket. Any time an Air Methods aircraft transports you or any member of your family this coverage will pick up the unpaid balance. This coverage covers anybody in your household for \$49.00 dollars per year with unlimited transports in that year. If you are uninsured, the cost of this coverage is \$99.00 per year, per person. It does not matter what state you are in, if you are transported by an Air Methods aircraft you are covered. We want to be clear; this coverage does not cover ground ambulance transports, only air transports by an Air Methods aircraft. It covers both helicopters and fixed wing aircraft.

Mr. Julian – Reviewed the different membership program costs;

Standard Membership - \$49.00 per year, if you are a Triple A (AAA) member the standard membership is \$39.00 per year

Group Membership – Must be a group of 10 or more; gave the example of a fire department purchasing it for its membership, the membership is \$39.00 per year per group member

Uninsured Membership - \$99.00 per year per person

Mr. Julian – Stated there are discounted memberships available for military personnel, and recommended that you call the 800 number on the brochure if you are interested in any of the programs, or would like more details.

Mr. Julian – Clarified that this is a membership not an insurance product.

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Presentation – Mercy Air Omni Advantage Membership Program; Gerry Julian continued

Mr. Julian – Reviewed who is covered, who is not covered in the different programs, and explained how you can apply; on the phone or on the internet. You will be asked for some personal information including your current medical insurance if you have it, and explained that the type of insurance you have will dictate the coverage you will receive.

CT – Asked if it's not Mercy Air and you are transported by another company are you covered?

Mr. Julian – Stated you are not, Air Methods is working on that because we don't want to have a situation where transport is delayed or refused due to lack of coverage.

EG – Asked if this program works with Nye County's current Health Insurance provider.

Mr. Julian – Stated it does.

Audience – If for some reason your helicopter can't make the trip and a different company is sent to provide the needed air transportation do you cover that?

Mr. Julian – Not at this time, we are working on that, there are a lot of legal aspects to this issue.

Audience – Asked how much do you charge the insurance company for a trip?

Mr. Julian – Stated he cannot disclose the specific amount if you really want to know the State of Nevada EMS site can tell you, but it is based on a lift-off fee and based on loaded mileage.

Audience – Asked if he could give a ball park figure.

Mr. Julian – Stated from this area, you are looking at a minimum of \$30,000.00 charged to the insurance. With the Omni Coverage we get what the insurance will pay us and you are not obligated for the balance.

Audience – Asked if you should inform the patient of the cost prior to transportation.

Mr. Julian – Stated that when you are sick and need help we don't ask about your ability to pay, the primary goal is to get the patient to the next level of care.

6 For Possible Action – Emergency Items

DG – Stated that we have an item that needs attention; it was not given to us in time for the posting of the agenda. Vance Payne Director of Nye County Emergency Services is requesting the purchase and installation of an additional fire hydrant located on the corner of 4th and Hoyt. When the plans for the new Beatty Ambulance Barn were taken to the planning department for final approval, it was brought to the attention of Mr. Payne that due to the size of the building additional fire suppression would be needed. The current hydrants in the location of the new Beatty Ambulance Barn do not meet the fire flow requirements. In order to receive the final approval of the plans and begin work on the building this issue must be addressed. Based on input from Fred Willis the manager of Beatty Water and Sanitation the installation of an additional hydrant, when combined with the existing hydrants in the area should satisfy the fire flow requirements.

DG – Asked if we had an amount.

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Stated based on the prior approval of two hydrants, the cost will be approximately \$7000.00.

EG – Asked when the plans were taken to the planning department? The building has been sitting there for years. Why are we just finding about this just now, why is this an emergency now?

Ms. Radomski – Stated that the plans had to be redrawn and certified so Nye County employees could begin work on the building. When they took the new plans, I believe last week, to the planning department this issue came up. One option was to put a sprinkler system in the building, which would be very expensive, the other being the additional hydrant.

Ms. Radomski – Stated that when she spoke to Vance earlier today he stated that he has the grant funding to complete this project until the end of this year. Mr. Pane also said that once the hydrant is installed it will need to be flow tested. Once the flow testing meets the requirements of 1750 gallons per minute combined, then the planning department will sign off on the plans and then Buildings and Grounds will be up to start work on the building; Discussion followed.

EG – Asked if there was a cost for the flow testing.

Ms. Radomski – Stated there is not, Beatty Water and Sanitation does flow testing regularly.

DG – Asked what happens if the additional hydrant is installed and it does not flow test to meet the requirements?

Ms. Radomski – Stated that there is a chance that this won't meet requirements and another hydrant may need to be installed.

EG – Stated we just committed to a plan to systematically install new hydrants, and approved two hydrants, and confirmed that the two that we approved came out of general capital.

RR – Motion to approve \$7,000.00 for a new hydrant to be located at the corner of 4th and Hoyt street and the funds to come out of the General Capital fund; Second CT; 5-0

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

KC – Thanked the BGID for putting on the movie night at the park on June 22nd.

EG – None; CT – None; RR – None; DG – None

8 Reports

a. Secretary’s Report

None

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 pay the town vouchers packet 1 in the amount of \$2,834.75; Second CT; 5-0

RR – Motion to pay the town vouchers packet 2 in the amount of \$10,320.00; Second CT; 5-0

10 General Business

a. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to 1) have a BTAB float in the 2013 4th of July parade and to 2) spend up to \$300.00 for the construction/decoration of the float. – Erika Gerling

EG – Stated she believes the BTAB should have a float in the BVFD parade. The BTAB had one last year. The theme for this year’s float will be fireworks.

RR – Motion to 1) have a BTAB float in the 2013 4th of July parade and 2) to spend up to \$300.00 on decorations; Second CT; 5-0

b. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to 1) have a BTAB float in the 2013 Beatty Days parade and to 2) spend up to \$300.00 for the construction/decoration of the float. – Erika Gerling

EG – Explained that she would like to use the Riverbed theme again this year, it was a great float but it was too high up and people could not see all the details. She would like to have plenty of time this year to prepare the float.

RR – Motion to 1) have a BTAB float in the 2013 Beatty Days parade and 2) to spend up to \$300.00 on decorations; Second CT; 5-0

c. For Possible Action - Discussion, deliberation and decision to set a date and time for a Community Center Kitchen Capital Project Workshop. – Randy Reed

RR - Stated he put this on the agenda because this has been brought by the community, up over the last several years.

RR – Suggested a date and time; July 8th at 5:30pm; Discussion followed.

RR – Motion to set a date of July 8, 2013 at 5:30pm for the Community Center Kitchen Capital Project Workshop; Second CT; 5-0

d. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to approve quote #061413 from Creative Builders, Inc. for labor only, on bay wall construction in an amount not to exceed \$1500.00. – BVFD; Chief Mike Harmon

Chief Harmon – Explained that this is the next phase at the Fire Hall; Discussion followed.

RR – Motion to approve quote #061413 from Creative Builders, Inc. for labor only, on bay wall construction in an amount not to exceed \$1500.00; Second CT; 5-0

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- e. **For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to approve quote #061213 from Creative Builders, Inc. for labor only, on front and back door wall construction in an amount not to exceed \$1300.00. – BVFD; Chief Mike Harmon**

Chief Harmon – Explained that this work is in the bay were the trucks are parked; Discussion followed.

RR – Motion to approve quote #061213 from Creative Builders, Inc. for labor only, on front and back door wall construction in an amount not to exceed \$1300.00; Second CT; 5-0

- f. **For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to issue a letter of support for the Beatty Habitat Committee, to be included in the National Parks Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) grant application. – Shirley Harlan**

Shirley Harlan – Stated that the Habitat Committee has applied for the RTCA grant, this grant will help with the planning and engineering of the trail; Discussion followed.

RR – Motion to approve issuing a letter of support for the Beatty Habitat Committee, to be included in the National Parks Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) grant application; Second CT; 5-0

- g. **For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision regarding a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners regarding BLM disposable lands within the Beatty town boundary. – Beatty Town Office; Carrie Radomski**

Cheryl Beeman of the Nye County Nuclear Waste Repository Project Office – Explained the current designations were put in place in 1997. Now the BLM is working toward the winter of 2015, to have their updated plan completed. Removing land from disposable status will keep the land under the control of the BLM, and leaving or adding land as disposable will allow for the sale of the land.

Ms. Beeman – Stated that the Beatty Area Plan Committee recommended protection of; viewsheds, well protection, Amargosa River flow, historical or geographical significance and special flood hazard areas. These areas were weighted on the maps provided, the combined weighting helped determine the scoring of the land and finally the recommended disposition of the land status.

Ms. Beeman – Went on to say that the BLM prefers not to fragment or isolate parcels. The maps do have some some isolated parcels, additional discussion is needed to address this concern; Discussion followed.

Joni Eastley Nye County – Spoke about some land that Nye County had an R&PP lease on, it was the shooting range. Federal law says that when we give up the R&PP lease we must return the land to its original state, which means that we have to go in there and remediate it. Can we include that in the disposal lands, in lieu of having to clean it? The cleanup is going to be very expensive, for the County; Discussion followed.

Audience – Recommended that board approve the maps presented and a note be added to the map indicating that the parcel that contains the shooting range be added to the disposal lands.

Ms. Eastley – Recommended that all of the land between the Airport and Rhyolite be added to disposal if it's not already on there.

Audience – Stated that is where the shooting range is.

Ms. Beeman – Stated the recommendation is for that land, between 374 and the Airport, to retain its disposal status.

Audience – Asked if the Town or the County is responsible for the cleanup of the shooting range.

Ms. Eastley – Stated the County is.

Renie Youngmans – Reviewed and summarized the land disposition changes made; highlighting the biggest change which was removing lands that were designated as disposal to non-disposal due to the criteria mentioned at the beginning of the presentation (view shed, etc.) The lands highlighted in yellow south of the Airport on the map were not designated as disposal but the group recommended that they be changed to disposal; Discussion followed.

EG – Motioned to submit to a recommendation to the BOCC to recommend the BLM disposable lands in Beatty with the changes, everything that is recommended currently, from the Parker Ranch on the east side of HWY 95 and south of the ranch to be removed from disposal; Second RR; 5-0

11 General Public Comment

Dr. McGinnis – Stated that she had 60 hours of training last week; while she was gone JB Allen was covering as was Dr. Verbosa. Dr. McGinnis will be off July 27th through August 4th, Rob Phoenix will be covering. The Beatty Clinic is part of a study that looks at how nurse practitioners utilize their time.

Joni Eastley – Asked if there were any changes in the law during this session.

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Dr. McGinnis – Stated that starting July 1, 2013 nurse practitioners will be licensed not certified. By July 1, 2014 nurse practitioners will not be required to have a physician sign off on their paperwork, however collaborative agreements can be required by companies. Starting July 1, 2013 Medicare has decided that Nurse Practitioners are not skilled enough to decide if a patient needs a meter to check their sugar level, and we're not skilled enough to know if a patient who is on oxygen needs a nebulizer. We are asking people to contact their representatives, and let them know to put a hold on the implementation on that.

12 Adjournment

KC- motion to adjourn 8:10pm; Second RR; 5-0