



# TOWN OF JACKPOT, NEVADA ADVISORY BOARD

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## JACKPOT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

**THURSDAY, August 8, 2024**

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### **6:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting of the Jackpot Advisory Board was called to order by Chairperson Monica Burt at 6:30 pm mountain standard time on August 8, 2024, in the meeting room of the Jackpot Administration Building, Jackpot, Nevada.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Members Present:     Monica Burt  
                              Larry Lineberry  
                              Jeff Young  
                              Teresa Hugill

Absent:                   Monique Gollihar

Others Present:       Shawn Burt (Jackpot superintendent)  
                              Gustavo Estrada, Public Works Lead  
                              Brian Hugill, Jackpot Fire Department  
                              Shelly Hester, Jackpot Ambulance  
                              Laura Cortez, Jackpot Recreation Center  
                              Theresa Dimmitt, Jackpot Tourism/Senior Center  
                              Mike Christensen, Raft River Electric  
                              Kerrie Preston, Nevada Health Centers  
                              Katie Estrada, Jackpot Combined School  
                              Hayden Horn, MMASV Racing  
                              Angie Horn, MMASV Racing

### **INSTRUCTIONS TO THE GALLERY:**

Chairperson Jeff Young advised the public to step to the front of the room to identify themselves and to speak clearly for the record. He stated that they should try and not speak out of turn or among themselves. If anybody has a cell phone it should be muted and if a call needs to be answered, it must be taken outside. He commented that everybody needs to wait their turn to speak, and the speaker needs to step-up to the podium to state his/her name. There shouldn't be side conversations or comments, and he thanked everybody for their cooperation.

## **PROCEDURE**

**Time Limits:** Public comments are welcome during the Public Comment periods at the beginning of the meeting, the end of the meeting, and during specific agenda items.

Comments made during the Public Comment periods at the beginning and end of the meeting are limited to **7 minutes** per person. Persons with presentations or comments longer than **7 minutes** should contact the County Administrative Offices to have the item placed on the agenda for discussion. Additionally, the Chair of the Board may limit public comment during a specific agenda item. If the Chair of the Board decides to limit public comment during a specific agenda item, the Chair shall announce, prior to taking any public comments on that specific agenda item, that the Public Comments on that specific agenda item are limited to **7 minutes** per person.

Chairperson Jeff Young stated that the public would be limited to 7 minutes per person, but not those making the presentation. Those interested in presenting anything would need to go to the administration office in order to have them add their items to the following agenda.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Jeff Young led the pledge of allegiance.

## **COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:**

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Hayden Horn (MMASV Racing) stated that they would be having a race on Saturday which would be the imports versus domestics. There will also be a car show that day which is the first since Deuces Wild pulled out, so they are going to try and make this an annual thing. Ian Davis (Car show) is a good guy, and he expects to have a pretty good turnout. On the 17<sup>th</sup> will be the third annual Brother Speed motorcycle racing event on the airport and they are expecting to go through with it without any problems again and hopefully bring in revenue for the town.

## **TOWN OF JACKPOT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

### **RAFT RIVER RURAL ELECTRIC COMPANY NON-ACTION ITEM**

1. Raft River Electric update.

Mike Christensen (Raft River Electric) stated that on July 23<sup>rd</sup> they had their crew in Jackpot where they held a safety meeting. It consisted of going through the system and refreshing everybody to make sure they know how everything is fed and the different things that happen when there is an outage. Once this refresher was done a safety demo was performed with the fire department and some of the town employees and Cactus Petes employees attended. The demonstration focused on car accidents and the different things to do in those situations.

He has been talking with Brian Hugill (Jackpot Fire Chief) and got him some maps of the Raft River system because he hadn't realized how much work Mr. Hugill does in their territory. Mr. Christensen mentioned that he's also working with Gustavo Estrada (Public Works lead) to get more streetlights in town and that should be happening in the next couple of weeks. Chairperson Jeff Young asked where the streetlights would be going. Mr. Christensen stated that some would be going down by the LDS Church, on Piersanti, and some out south of town. He commented that he wasn't aware of any power bumps or outages. Chairperson Young stated that no, everything is good. Mr. Christensen mentioned that he's also working with Barton's Club 93 on relocating some of the power lines and he hopes this will happen soon.

## **NEVADA HEALTH CENTER NON-ACTION ITEM**

### **1. Nevada Health Center update.**

Kerrie Preston (Practice Manager for Jackpot and Wendover) stated that Skylar the current provider in Jackpot has decided to move on after four years in the town. There was a letter sent to the current patients to make them aware of this. Skylar's last day in the clinic will be August 22<sup>nd</sup>. In the meantime, the clinic is offering telehealth services which can be done in the clinic or virtually from the person's phone, computer, or laptop. Rachel Grant (Nurse Practitioner) who has been visiting the town every other month for woman's health will continue to do this plus seeing sick visits, chronic care, and things like this. She was just in the town on Wednesday and saw fifteen patients in clinic. This is a good number for patients in clinic in Jackpot. She mentioned that if the need arises, they can talk about having Mrs. Grant in the town more often or having another provider in person at the clinic. They will be trying to find a provider for Jackpot to have on a permanent basis, but she isn't sure of what that will look like, but she will keep the town updated. In the meantime, there are ways to offer care and provide patient care to patients virtually or in the clinic every other month. The ma's will still be at the clinic so people can call to ask questions, have their medications filled, or be scheduled to see Mrs. Grant the next time she is in the clinic for whatever the need. Vice-Chair Monica Burt asked if there would only be a provider one day every other month. Mrs. Preston stated that it would be one day every other month that Mrs. Grant would be in the clinic, but if people need something in the mean time they can call the clinic and if they need to be seen they can be setup with a virtual visit with any of their providers that provide virtual care or a message can be sent if a medication needs to be filled for Mrs. Grant to get it filled. She mentioned that if the need arises and they see that Mrs. Grant's schedule is filling up every other month then they will have her come out more often. It will depend on the communities needs and they will see how it goes in the next couple of months, and they can talk about adding additional days and or providers in Jackpot to man the clinic in person. Vice-Chair Burt commented that this information would need to be shared with the community. Larry Lineberry (Jackpot Advisory Board member) stated that this is inadequate, but nothing can be done about it now. Mrs. Preston asked what was it that seemed inadequate and Chairperson Young stated that once every other month. Mrs. Preston stated that people would have access to a provider every day. Vice-Chair Burt commented that children would need to get their physicals done before the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Chairperson Young mentioned that telemedicine is good, but it isn't a replacement for a person being there. He doesn't care how it's being sold; it just doesn't work. Vice-Chair Burt stated that she thinks this is going to be hard on the community since there are many people who don't have vehicles or have a hard time getting to Twin and maybe they need medications that they could've gotten in the town. She asked if people would be able to get medications at the clinic. Mrs. Preston stated that there is a mail order pharmacy out of Elko which is what most of the patients are doing now.

When a patient needs a medication, it's prescribed, and Elko pharmacy mails it right to the patient. Vice-Chair Burt asked if the bus was operating to Twin, and Mr. Burt stated that it's only going one day of the week. Vice-Chair Burt commented that she is thinking about those that may need urgent care. Theresa Dimmitt (Senior Center) stated that while telehealth is really awesome for people who understand computers and what telehealth is, it doesn't work well for the community seniors. They have had a real hard time with getting the seniors onboard with it. She commented that maybe they could get the bus to travel to Twin more than one a day a week because she agrees that once every other month won't work with the senior population. She reiterated that the seniors don't do well with telehealth. Mrs. Preston stated that there are two ways to do telehealth, one way is on the patient's phone or laptop and the other option is for the person to go to the clinic, the ma is there, and she will room the patient and get their vitals. There is a screen at the clinic and the patient won't have to work any of the electronics and the provider on the other end will be able to hear the heartbeat, they will be able to see the patient if they have a rash or even look in the patient's ear. The stethoscope and the camera are all worked by the medical assistant. The senior won't have to have a phone or anything and they will be seen in the clinic and given the care with the medical assistant present and the provider on the other end is able to see, hear, and listen directly to the patient. Chairperson Young commented that he may be old fashioned, but a person not sitting there physically with the other person isn't good enough. Mrs. Preston stated that unfortunately this is that can be done now until they find provider. Mr. Lineberry expressed his appreciation and thanked her for taking these steps. Mrs. Preston mentioned that the position would be open to providers from Idaho as well because the commute is better, but she would keep everybody posted and would attend the following meeting. She hopes to have good updates the next time, but she will be sharing the board's concerns to her superiors and hopes that they are able to get a provider in the clinic more often. She will also be looking at the number of people that went to the clinic and hopes that they can get more patients more often. Chairperson Young expressed that they appreciated the steps that the clinic is taking because he knows it's a terrible position to be in and ideally, they would like somebody present, but this will work for the time being. Mrs. Preston commented that she completely understands and that it's hard being in the rural areas and especially losing a provider whose been in the town for a long time. She understands and wishes she was able to have had great news that they had found a provider, but this is something that they will look into and keep at it.

## **JACKPOT COMBINED SCHOOL NON-ACTION ITEM**

### **1. Jackpot Combined School update.**

Katie Estrada (Jackpot Combined School) stated that some of the office staff is back at the school, so if anybody hears of any families new to the town or kindergarteners that need to be registered, they can get to the office Monday through Thursday. There are people at the school who will help with the registration and getting them setup for school. The sooner the better. The other thing is that teachers go back on August 19<sup>th</sup> and the open house will be on August 22<sup>nd</sup> from one to four. She's talked to Jackpot's Helping Hands and wonders if there are other services offered in town that they could share with parents, these groups could also setup a table at the open house. She commented that school starts on August 29<sup>th</sup>. They are looking forward to this school year, she thanked the board for all the support for last year, and they are looking forward to working with community this year.

## **JACKPOT GOLF COURSE**

### **NON-ACTION ITEM**

1. Golf Course operations update.

No representative present.

## **JACKPOT TOURISM & SENIOR CENTER**

### **NON-ACTION ITEM**

1. Jackpot Tourism updates.

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot Tourism) stated that the board had a piece of paper which illustrated the ad for Southern Idaho Livability. It's a one-page ad on the first page and the second page is the digital copy. The first page had to be approved the previous day, however there wasn't anything on there that hadn't been preapproved by the board at some time or other. The swag has been ordered and the fair starts at the end of this month which she will be in attendance. Mrs. Dimmitt asked about the welcome packages for new people in town and stated that she would talk to Shawn Burt (Jackpot Town Superintendent) and the front office staff regarding this. She thanked Raft River for their donation to the golf scramble. It helps the seniors, the community, veterans, and families a lot. She mentioned that Thrive and Cactus Petes also donated. She mentioned Brent Fleshman (Golf Course) has been amazing with all of his help and things are moving along.

2. Senior Center updates.

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot Senior Center) stated that in regard to the seniors there needs to be more options for doctor visits. Her husband has been in that clinic several times and even with the telehealth they couldn't see him, the doctor wasn't available.

## **JACKPOT EVENTS**

### **NON-ACTION ITEMS**

1. Event operations update.

No representative present.

## **JACKPOT RECREATION CENTER**

### **NON-ACTION ITEMS**

1. Recreation Center Department operations update.

Laura Cortes (Jackpot Recreation Center Lead Lifeguard) stated that in July there were two hundred ninety-one people who used the gym, forty-four people used the pool, and forty-five people for other. There was a total of three hundred and eighty people. The deposit was three hundred and ninety-eight dollars.

## **JACKPOT PUBLIC WORKS**

### **NON-ACTION ITEM**

1. Public Works water, sewer, landfill, streets, and operations update.

Gustavo Estrada (Jackpot Public Works lead) stated that in the last couple of weeks they rented a machine to get trees in town sprayed.

They did this for two weeks and now they are at the point where the caterpillars have cocooned and settled. They will need to wait until next Spring to see if they will need to redo the spraying process again. The water truck has been modified so that they can do more volume of chemicals. It also took a long time because they had to move from place to place, plus all the tight spaces that they need to get into with all the trees within each other. They have also started working on painting the streets and crosswalks. They are also working with Raft River to get things lined up for the fall and they have been doing random jobs plus helping at the Fourth of July. Vice-Chairperson Monica Burt asked if all the trees in the town were sprayed. Mr. Estrada stated that they got all the trees at the golf course that were affected, the dog park, the soccer field, parks, Twin Springs, Cactus Petes housing, the trees at the ranch, and all residential properties. Vice-Chair Burt asked if they had any problems getting ahold of the managers of the different apartment complexes. He stated that no. Larry Lineberry (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked if there was a count of how many trees would need to be taken out. Mr. Estrada stated that they would need to see if the trees come back in the spring because maybe there is the possibility of shaving those trees to where it's still green and removing the dead area. This will be a lot of tree trimming and they will know in the spring. He commented that Middlestack was the worse area because there were many there. Vice-Chair Burt commented that she was worried about the dead trees being a fire hazard with all the electrical wire running around. Mr. Estrada stated that Raft River knows which trees they need to get to, and they are mainly the taller trees that are in the way. The pine trees aren't in the way and those are the ones that are affected along with the Blue Spruce trees.

#### **JACKPOT FIRE/AMBULANCE/SAFETY**

##### **1. Jackpot Fire Department operations update.**

Brian Hugill (Jackpot Fire Chief) stated that aside from those twenty-two calls that they responded to, there were five fire calls, three of which were wildland fires and the other two were structures. The wildland fires were caused by the lightning in the area, and they are responding in order to keep them small. The two structure fires included a couple who set their rv on fire on Saturday morning and the other one was at Cactus Petes. It was at the old receiving dock and it was human error. He mentioned that his crew worked around the town and helped get things cleaned up along with taking care of the races and the car show. He commented that Terry (Jackpot resident) was complaining about the trees, so they recruited him to help and other than that they have just been working to keep things going and training. Mr. Hugill stated that he got confirmation from Cleary that they are sending the plans to put the new bay in at the fire station. There will be construction happening soon and he's talked with Mike Christensen (Raft River) about assisting him with getting the building wired so that it all matches along with putting in new breaker boxes. He thanked Mr. Christensen for all his help in projects.

##### **2. Jackpot Ambulance operations update.**

Shelly Hester (Jackpot Ambulance) stated that there were twenty-two total ambulance calls and nine of those were transports.

##### **3. Elko County Sheriff's operations update.**

No representative present.

**CORRESPONDENCE REPORT AND OTHER ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:  
NON-ACTION ITEM**

1. Discussion and consideration of received correspondence.

**CONSENT AGENDA  
ACTION ITEM**

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and may be acted upon by the commission with one action without extensive discussion. Any member of the commission or any citizen may request that an item be taken from the consent agenda, discussed, and acted upon separately during this meeting.

Approval of Minutes – DRAFT Jackpot Advisory Board July 23, 2024  
(This material is available upon request.)

Next Meeting Date – September 12, 2024

**Motion: Larry Lineberry moved to accept both items, seconded by Vice-Chair Monica Burt.** Motion passed.

**VOTE:**

Aye: Jeff Young  
Larry Lineberry  
Teresa Hugill  
Monica Burt

Nay:  
Absent: Monique Gollihar  
Abstain:

**ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF COMMENTS:  
NON-ACTION ITEM**

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Chairperson Jeff Young commented that he and Larry Lineberry (Jackpot board member) looked at the park to see where an amphitheater could be put in. They think that the best location is the southwest corner, and the stage pointed diagonally across the field. It would be in the corner. Mr. Lineberry stated that they think there are areas close enough that are possibilities for parking areas. Mr. Young commented that there is an entire strip in front of the area and on the other side of the road where the fire station was going to go and on the other side of the street which is Cactus Petes property. Mr. Lineberry mentioned that the parties he does in Sun Valley don't always have a finished parking lot and that sometimes people park in meadows. The area that they liked is in the town and not out in the edge. It's close enough for people to see when they are doing other things. Chairperson Young commented that there is also the road that goes towards the golf course which has less traffic unlike Lady Luck.

They looked at other places and they kept going back to the southwest corner. Vice-Chair Burt commented that now they need to start getting costs. Chairman Young asked Shawn Burt (Town superintendent) what their next step would be. Mr. Burt stated that they now need to look at structures that they would like to do or ideas, they will need prices, plans, and then they will discuss where the funding will be from. There won't be any engineering plans especially if they go through RPC Shelters where the pavilion was purchased from because they also have amphitheaters and all they will need to do is request the plans for those. The pavilion was thirty-five thousand dollars and RPC Shelters sent the structure and all the engineered and stamped plans. They would also need to find a general contractor who will do all the groundwork, foundation, footings, structure, electrical, and plumbing. Mr. Lineberry mentioned that they looked at two structures and they think they don't something full-blown like the one in Filer, but he thinks the other one is too small. Mr. Burt recommended that they figure out which three concepts they would like, different sizes, styles, and makes. They would get prices of all three and once they agree and get a budget amount, they can look at something that they would really want to see if they can afford it. He stated that they need to figure out what they want, they will need three quotes and if it's over one hundred thousand dollars it will need to be publicly announced.

Mr. Burt commented that he is still working on all the projects and there is some headway on some and others not. The housing subdivision project hasn't gone away, but the town did lose the developer that was going to do it. He is working on other options. He stated that by the end of the year he needs to have the ARPA funding committed or it will be lost. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month he will be meeting with another contractor and there are two other contractors who will be putting in an RFQ (Request for Qualifications) for the property and as of right now until they start looking at what they are going to do, he is looking at other options. He mentioned that if there isn't something by the end of October, he will be committing the funds to something else, and it won't be housing. The main priority is housing, but the time is running out and if there isn't a housing project with subcontractors committed by the end of October, he will have to tell the state by the end of December where those funds will be going. These funds may go to the amphitheater. Chairperson Young asked about the deadline date and Mr. Burt stated that it would December 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Burt commented that once the state knows where the money is committed to the town will have until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, to have the funds spent. He reiterated that if there isn't a firm commitment by the end of October on something they will find something else to do with those funds because the town won't be losing them, and they will be used in the town somehow.

Chairperson Young asked about a rumor involving the town getting trees. Mr. Burt stated that Brian Hugill (Jackpot Fire Chief) has been talking to a gal in Ely or Las Vegas. This lady will be giving the town twenty thousand dollars' worth of trees. They will also be sending somebody to do soil samples because the town has a hard time with trees. He doesn't know anything about them yet, all they know is that the lady got the grant for twenty thousand dollars' worth of trees and she committed them to the town. Vice-Chair Monica Burt commented that she liked that they will be doing soil samples to see what works best for the town's soil. Mr. Burt stated that they won't be going only on town property and that residents or commercial properties could also have some since he imagines there will be more than enough. He is thinking about thirty-three thousand trees worth. Vice-Chair Burt commented that they should plant them everywhere. Mr. Burt stated that when the town purchased trees to put them at the park, they averaged two hundred dollars per tree. He doesn't know anything about the trees, but those residents that would like a tree will be planting them.

The public works department will plant the ones for the town, and they will try to do community projects. He stated that it's going to be a lot of trees and Mr. Lineberry commented that if it's too many trees than they should reduce the amount. Mr. Burt stated that all the town was given was twenty thousand dollars and that is it. Once this project starts rolling out, they will be going after the community. Chairperson Young asked if there was a deadline, Mr. Burt stated that he didn't have any idea. He is sure that once trees start being sent to the town they will have before winter to get them in because they want to start planting mid-September.

Vice-Chair Burt thanked the public works team for all their work and effort to preserve the trees in the town. It was a lot of work, phone calls, and meetings. Gustavo Estrada (Public Works Lead) commented that Arturo and Travis both mostly worked on the tree project. Vice-Chair Burt mentioned that the repainting of all the lines on the roads also look great.

### **COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:**

#### **NON-ACTION ITEM**

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Angie Horn (MMASV Racing) stated that on the race for July 13<sup>th</sup> they had eleven racers and twenty-nine spectators. She has decided that they will continue to keep track of the people participating and the spectators to let the board know.

Bobbi Lineberry (Jackpot resident) asked if somebody knew how long it would be until the highway was finished. Mr. Burt stated that this is NDOT stuff and has nothing to do with the town, so it will be whenever they get done. Mrs. Lineberry commented that the lines aren't visible, and people are driving in the turning lanes. Mr. Burt stated that the company is doing a seal coat and once they get to Idaho which he thinks will be by tomorrow NDOT will need to paint all the lines. He thinks it will be one more week before it's done, but he isn't sure, nor does he know what they are doing after that. Larry Lineberry (Jackpot board member) mentioned that he thinks it will look nice once it's all finished and Mr. Burt commented that people just need to have patience during this time.

### **ADJOURN**

#### **ACTION ITEM**

**Motion: Monica Burt moved to adjourn, seconded by Teresa Hugill.** Motion passed.

#### **VOTE:**

Aye: Larry Lineberry  
Jeff Young  
Teresa Hugill  
Monica Burt

Nay:

Absent: Monique Gollihar

Abstain:

Chairperson Jeff Young reminded everybody to unmute their phones.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.