



# TOWN OF JACKPOT, NEVADA ADVISORY BOARD

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## JACKPOT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

**TUESDAY, April 23, 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 April 23, 2024, in the meeting room of the Jackpot Administration Building, Jackpot, Nevada.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Members Present:      Monica Burt  
                                  Monique Gollihar (Zoom)  
                                  Teresa Hugill  
                                  Jeff Young

### **Absent:**

Others Present:        Shawn Burt, Jackpot Superintendent  
                                  Theresa Dimmitt, Tourism/Senior Center  
                                  Kristie Wells, Town Event Coordinator  
                                  Larry Lineberry, Town Resident  
                                  David Meyer, JUB Engineer  
                                  Thomas Leiva, JUB Engineer  
                                  Kirk Reichling, JUB Engineer

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

Chairperson Monica Burt advised the public to step to the front of the room to identify themselves and to speak clearly for the record. She 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. She 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 and address. There shouldn't be side conversations or comments and she 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 Monica Burt 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:**

Chairperson Monica Burt led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Pursuant to N.R.S. 241.020, 2 (c) (3), this time is devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised during a period devoted to comments by the general public until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified to be an action item.

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot Helping Hands/Senior Center) stated that the senior center and Helping Hands is doing a fundraiser. It's a Craft Fair on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. They will be working with the local cheerleaders from the local school. They will be helping out and a donation of one hundred dollars will be given to them to help pay for uniforms.

She commented that they have heard from the Food Bank of Northern Nevada and due to covid being over, one of the benefits of the pandemic was there was a lot of federal funding which helped in a lot of ways. The funding has all been terminated now and because of that the food pantry will be getting forty percent less food than it has been receiving. She mentioned that they would be having a meeting with TEFAP on May 7<sup>th</sup>, and they will find out if they will be staying on the program, which they have only been a part of since last September. She hopes the food pantry doesn't lose it because several other pantries will be losing it. She asked if anybody had non expired foods that they would like to get rid of, the pantry is taking anything they can get. She stated that Helping Hands would be at the recreation center with the craft fair trying to earn funds to buy food. Teresa Hugill (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked Mrs. Dimmitt about the food that she was hoping to receive. Mrs. Dimmitt stated that preferably nonperishable because they can't take the chance of somebody letting something defrost and it being placed back in the freezer. She doesn't want to take that risk; however nonperishable foods are always welcomed.

David Meyer (JUB Engineers) stated that he is an aviation project manager out of the Boise office along with him are Thomas Leiva (Aviation engineer) out of the Twin Falls office, and Kirk Reichling (Professional Land Surveyor) out of Twin Falls and is licensed in Nevada. They are all interested in the town and have met with the staff, but they also want to make themselves more visible.

They would like to offer their services to the town and if they can't help, they will contact somebody who can. Their cards will be left with the staff in the administration building.

Chairperson Monica Burt thanked them for making the trip.

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

E1. Discussion and consideration to fill an open vacancy on the advisory board.

(See attachments)

### **ACTION ITEM**

Chairperson Monica Burt stated that the attachments were the same applications from the previous meeting. She commented that there were two applications for the vacancy on the board: Saradel Ririe, who spoke to the board members at the previous meeting and William Lineberry. She asked Mr. Lineberry if he would like to say a few things. Mr. Lineberry stated that he has lived in Jackpot since 1994, his daughter was born right before they moved to the town. She spent her whole life in the town or with her mother. He has been a manager and an employee in the town. He is a small business operator in the town and has been involved in various town related events throughout the years. He's been on the advisory board before and he's sure that whoever is chosen will do a great job.

Jeff Young (Jackpot Advisory Board member) stated that his thoughts are that he knows Larry, everybody knows Larry and he doesn't know Mrs. Ririe that well, so he is in favor of Larry. He has worked with Larry before, he knows how to work with him, Larry's worked with the town before, and to him he seems like a good fit.

Teresa Hugill (Jackpot Advisory Board member) stated that she agreed. She commented that she thinks Saradel would be a great candidate, but Larry has been in the town for a long time and knows how the town works.

Chairperson Burt stated that she has worked with both, she knows Larry from work and has for a number of years. She appreciates that he does have a small business in the town, and he's involved with activities. She has worked with Saradel for about eight years and is a friend of hers. She knows that Saradel has worked on a lot of things and was involved in many things in the Las Vegas area. She stated that both would be good assets to the board, so she could vote either way.

Monique Gollihar (Jackpot Advisory Board member) stated that she knows Larry and doesn't know Saradel, Saradel sounds like a wonderful person, but she knows what Larry can bring to the board.

**Motion: Jeff Young moved that they choose Larry for a member of the board, seconded by Teresa Hugill.** Motion passed.

**VOTE:**                   Aye:   Monica Burt  
                                  Monique Gollihar (Zoom)  
                                  Teresa Hugill  
                                  Jeff Young  
                                  Nay:  
                                  Absent:  
                                  Abstain:

The board members congratulated Larry. Larry stated that from his understanding this decision would be presented to the commissioners for their approval, to which the board said yes.

E2. Discussion and consideration to approve the flyer for the Mother’s Day arts and crafts activity being held at the recreation center.

**ACTION ITEM**

Laura Cortes (Lead Lifeguard at Jackpot Recreation Center) stated that all the board members had the flyers in their packets, and she would like them to choose the one they liked from the options. The event will be on May 9<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) after school and the flyer does say May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Betty Marquez (Jackpot Recreation Center) commented that some of the items that have been ordered haven’t arrived, so they decided to change the date. Teresa Hugill (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked if the flyers would be translated to Spanish, Ms. Cortes stated that yes. Jeff Young (Jackpot Advisory Board member) commented that his favorites were the first and third option. The third option pops out more. Chairperson Monica Burt stated that they were all cute, and that she liked the third option also. Mrs. Hugill commented that she also liked the third option.

**Motion: Teresa Hugill motioned that number three looks good, seconded by Jeff Young.** Motion passed.

**VOTE:**                   Aye:   Monica Burt  
                                  Monique Gollihar (Zoom)  
                                  Teresa Hugill  
                                  Jeff Young  
                                  Nay:  
                                  Absent:  
                                  Abstain:

E3. Discussion and consideration to approve the date and name for the Founders Day event. (i.e. Jackpot Days, Jackpot Horse Shu Days, Horse Shu Days, and the date May 19.)

**ACTION ITEM**

Kristie Wells (Jackpot Events Coordinator) stated that the last time she presented this to the board there was debate over the date and name. She would like to have a set date before she starts inviting vendors and things are aligned in order to make the flyers.

Jeff Young (Jackpot Advisory Board member) commented that May 19<sup>th</sup> is a Sunday, and this is something that would change every year just like the Fourth of July. It would be a different day of the week every year. Chairperson Monica Burt commented that sometimes it's difficult for vendors to come out during the middle of the week and it's better for them to come out on a weekend. She stated that Nevada Day is the 31<sup>st</sup> of October, but it's not always celebrated on that day. It's usually celebrated on the last Friday of the month of October. She doesn't know if the town could always stick with just the 19<sup>th</sup> if vendors can't be in the town during the weekdays.

Mr. Young commented that the 19<sup>th</sup> lands on the third Sunday of the month, so he suggests that the day be the third Sunday of May. This would also make it easier for vendors to remember. Chairperson Burt stated that she would like the members of the school to be involved and it could be done after school, but it would be nice for it to be an all day event. Ms. Wells commented that tentatively speaking the parade would start at eleven, at noon hotdogs would be served, at 1pm they could do the horseshoe competition because Jackpot was originally named "Horse Shu." She would have the vendors at 2pm a couple hours after serving the free food so that they have an opportunity to sell their goods. She would love to see this event get big, but right now there is a time crunch and she's trying to get as many things lined up as possible.

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Town Superintendent) stated that he didn't have any pull around, but he agrees with Mrs. Burt regarding Sunday being a bad day because the vendors would need to setup, tear down, get home late if they travelled, and have to get up early for work Monday morning. He thinks that if the town plans to do this and it becomes a tradition it should be done on a Saturday. It could be the third Saturday of the month and it's being done in the spirit of when the town was founded. Chairperson Burt commented that she was concerned about the event going late into the evening and a Saturday would be better for that compared to a Sunday. It all depends on the activities and what the vendors availability is on Saturday or Sunday. Mr. Burt stated children are still in school in May. Betty Marquez (Jackpot Admin) mentioned that the students are in finals those weeks. Mr. Burt stated that he thinks that if it's moved to the third Saturday of the month in May there would be more people involved compared to a Sunday. Mr. Young commented that he agreed with that. Mrs. Burt mentioned that another of her concerns is that many schools in Idaho are ending the third and fourth week of May, so this could also be an issue. Ms. Wells commented that the dates 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> could be looked at for this year and she doesn't have an issue with the 25<sup>th</sup> because that would be extra time to try and get as much as possible done. Teresa Hugill (Jackpot Advisory Board member) commented that there may be students graduating that weekend. Chairperson Burt stated that this is her concern because there could be graduations or finals happening and vendors could be busy with events in Twin Falls. Mrs. Hugill commented that this could be a problem and Chairperson Burt stated that maybe phone calls could be made to see the availability in order to decide. Mr. Burt commented that Ms. Wells needs to get this done so he thinks that this year it should be done on the 18<sup>th</sup>, the cleanup day will most likely be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and if the Founders Day event is on the 25<sup>th</sup> it will be quite a bit. The following year if it looks like a bad week the days will be shifted. Mrs. Hugill commented that if people make a huge mess than it will be cleaned by the town during the town clean up. Ms. Wells stated that she was thinking it would be the other way around that the cleanup would happen first to have a clean area for the Founders Day event, but she liked the other way better. Chairperson Burt stated that this year would be a trial year to get people excited about it for next year.

Ms. Wells mentioned that the name of the event is also a concern since there is a business in the town and in Las Vegas with the same name, “Horse Shu.” The point of her using the name “Horse Shu” was because it was the original name. Mrs. Hugill stated that the town’s name isn’t Horse Shu anymore and its Jackpot. Ms. Wells asked about Jackpot Days and Mrs. Hugill commented that it could be Jackpot Founder Days. Mr. Young commented that he liked that name. Mrs. Hugill stated that there were things such as “Clinton Founder Days” or “Clinton Fun Days” when they were children. Ms. Wells commented that her thought process was like in Bear Lake they have “Raspberry Day’s” and “Peach Days” which is an entire week. Mrs. Hugill stated that in the town there are casinos and marijuana. Chairperson Burt stated that she liked Jackpot Founders Day, and that “Horse Shu” could be part of the logo. Mrs. Hugill mentioned that there could be some type of information about it because she is sure that a lot of people don’t know about it, she didn’t. Ms. Wells stated that the parade would be at eleven, the horseshoe competition from 1pm-3pm, music, and she wouldn’t mind having people talk about history before the music. Mrs. Hugill commented that Tony used to post old things from Jackpot, and she would love for him to be at this event. Ms. Wells mentioned that the oldest living member in the town could also be honored for remaining in the town. She commented that she would like a date and name in order to plan things. Mrs. Hugill asked if there was any information regarding a dunk tank, she would really like there to be one. This would be a great way for groups to fundraise with. Mr. Burt commented that all the board members would need to sit on the plank. Ms. Wells asked if the 18<sup>th</sup> would be the date and Jackpot Founder’s Day would be the name.

**Motion: Jeff Young moved to go with the 18<sup>th</sup> and Jackpot Founder’s Day, seconded by Teresa Hugill.** Motion passed.

**VOTE:**

Aye: Monica Burt  
Monique Gollihar (Zoom)  
Teresa Hugill  
Jeff Young

Nay:  
Absent:  
Abstain:

Monique Gollihar (Jackpot Advisory Board member) stated that she liked the name Jackpot Founder’s Day, and she thinks that Saturday is a great idea.

**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 April 11, 2024  
(This material is available upon request.)

Next Meeting Date – May 9, 2024

Chairperson Monica Burt stated that she noticed that the meeting minutes are getting longer. Teresa Hugill (Jackpot Advisory Board member) commented that she had a request for something to be fixed, her name needs to be changed and this was sent to the clerk, other than that she didn't see anything else.

**Motion: Teresa Hugill moved to accept the minutes with the adjustment and the next meeting date for May 9, 2024, seconded by Jeff Young.** Motion passed.

**VOTE:**

Aye: Monica Burt  
Monique Gollihar  
Teresa Hugill (Zoom)  
Jeff Young

Nay:  
Absent:  
Abstain:

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

This time is devoted to comments by Advisory Board Members and/or Staff for general information or update purposes. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified to be an action item.

Teresa Hugill (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked Shawn Burt (Jackpot superintendent) if there was any information regarding the housing project. She's had many people call and ask her about it because they expected something to be started. Mr. Burt stated that there is stuff in the works and that they are still waiting for quotes. He commented that Mrs. Hugill can tell people that the town has moved forward with it, the five hundred thousand in ARPA funding will be used to pay for the first phase of five hundred feet which is roughly twenty 20 homes, 14 single-wide, and 6 duplexes. They are waiting for the contractor to get all the numbers together and get it to them, once that is done, they will get civils. He commented that if they are lucky they will see groundbreaking before the end of summer and maybe before winter some of them will be set. It's a slow process since there was property picked then changed, some problems, but things are moving forward, there is still a contractor and a developer. Mrs. Hugill mentioned that there was a post on Facebook regarding a lithium mine and she's had a few concerns. Mr. Burt stated that lithium dropped in price, and this is the reason nothing is being done yet until they see prices go up. If lithium prices increase, he knows people would like a petition signed to stop it, but it won't stop it. It's nice to have their voices heard and let people do the petition, but there is a lot of time, energy, and money put into what they have so far, so they won't stop it. It's just like the solar panels that are being put near people's homes and it can't be stopped. Mr. Burt commented that the following morning he would be in Malta for the Raft River Board meeting, and he is asking if anybody has anything they would like Raft River to discuss, he will be mentioning the day for the cleanup day as the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 and if they are okay with that this will be advertised. Kristie Wells (Jackpot Event Coordinator) asked that Mr. Burt mention the Jackpot Founder's Day to them. Teresa Hugill (Jackpot Advisory Board member) commented that they usually try to do the cleanup day on Wednesday because the fire department can help. Mr. Burt stated that as of now they are just trying to get it done while the students are in school, if the 23<sup>rd</sup> doesn't work they will try for the 22<sup>nd</sup>, but on the 22<sup>nd</sup> he has another board meeting with Raft River.

Beatriz Marquez (Jackpot Admin) commented that the 23<sup>rd</sup> was the best day for the school. Mr. Burt commented that on May 7<sup>th</sup> he has a meeting with many state agencies and NDOT. NDOT is hosting it, this is an invitation only meeting. He asks that any concerns be drafted and on his desk on Monday. He will get time with NDOT to discuss Jackpot's concerns and issues. He mentioned that Monique Gollihar (Jackpot Advisory Board member) graciously accepted to sit on the board for Economic Development District and the following day will be her first meeting. Sheldon Mudd asked him for a volunteer, and he thought of Monique and told her she would be doing it. He congratulated her and thanked her.

Chairperson Monica Burt commented that she had a meeting with the NNRDA the previous week and they were going over the goals that they've been working on. The comprehensive economic development strategy study is for 2020-2025.

The NNRDA (Northeastern Nevada Regional Development Authority) serves the small rural communities in Elko County. This includes Carlin, Elko, Wells, Spring Creek, West Wendover, Jackpot, Eureka County, Lander County, and White Pine County particularly Ely. They service a huge area, and they have many goals that they are working on. The two things that pertained to Jackpot was the housing. They are still working on the red zone initiative, and they are proposing to do things such as reciprocating licenses, prevailing wages waivers for builders/contractors, bid limit waivers, bond flexibility, modular home install waivers, code flexibility, and funding from the unappropriated dollars from the Home means Nevada ARPA fund. They are trying to do all this to help rural Nevada get the builders to build homes. She commented that all of rural Nevada is having problems with homes being built. They also said that builders explained that home construction is more expensive in rural parts of the state and that the recent inflation and interest rates have made the prospect impossible. She commented that mining was also discussed. The price of lithium has decreased so the feasibility of the project south of Jackpot is being questioned and nothing is being done at this time. She also looked at the other two mines in Contact. One is called the Contact Copper Project, and it was owned by Enexco and in 2014 it was sold to Faraday Copper. It's a twenty-one square kilometer property on private land. The last update that she found on the website was in 2022 and there wasn't any indication that they were going forward with the project at this time. Mexivada Mining Corp out of Vancouver, British Columbia owns the other mine. It's a gold mine, two thousand sixty acres and in 2017 Mexivada sold nine of their sites to Mountain View Gold, but they kept the one in Contact and the one in Mexico, hence the name. She found out that Mexivada has some financial problems and in 2020 they changed their name to Carbon Streaming Corporation. When she looked at this website there was nothing that dealt with mining, so she doesn't know if they still own this property. There are now three mines in the Contact area that are not doing anything but have the potential to be doing something. She is partial to mining because she lived in Elko for seventeen years, Mr. Burt has lived in Elko for thirty years, so they come from a mining background. She knows that mining for Elko and Carlin areas and other areas brings in lots of jobs, new businesses, and homes, mines have homes built for their employees, tax dollars, and her big thing is that it brings in diversified business. It brings a big boom to an area. She mentioned that the Shoshone Bannock Tribe purchased one hundred and fifty seven acres next to Mountain Home, it's a two thousand slot casino resort with two hundred fifty room hotel, six restaurants, fifteen thousand square foot event center, amphitheater, movie theater, bowling alley, and video arcade. In a newspaper article that she read work hasn't started on it because they are doing all the feasibility and environmental studies. This takes eighteen months or two years for all these studies; her only concern is that she feels if this is built it will take a lot of business from Jackpot. She thinks that there should be other businesses in the town and if it isn't mining other businesses are needed in the area.

The NNRDA has been trying to help promote Jackpot, but the problem is that there isn't any land for other businesses at this time. Mr. Burt is trying to get BLM land released, but that is taking forever. The NNRDA is trying to help with that also and it seems that mines get the land they want quickly because nobody had any knowledge about the lithium mine. She will continue to keep an eye on these things and Mrs. Gollihar will be more involved in the NNRDA and she will keep everybody informed also.

**COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:**

**NON ACTION ITEM**

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**ADJOURN**

**ACTION ITEM**

**Motion: Jeff Young moved to adjourn, seconded by Teresa Hugill. Motion passed.**

**VOTE:**

Aye: Monica Burt  
Monique Gollihar  
Jeff Young  
Teresa Hugill

Nay:

Absent:

Abstain:

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.