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JACKPOT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, August 11, 2022

6:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Jackpot Advisory Board was called to order by at 6:00 pm mountain standard time on August 11, 2022, in meeting room of the Jackpot Senior Center Building, Jackpot, Nevada.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Alex Torrero
Shawn Mathis
Bruce Ririe
Monica Burt

Absent: Teresa Hugill

Others Present: Shawn Burt, Jackpot Public Works Superintendent
Gustavo Estrada, Public Works Lead
Theresa Dimmitt, Jackpot Helping Hands, Tourism, & SC
Shelly Hester, Jackpot Ambulance
Kristie Wells, Jackpot Fire
Lyndsey Merryman, Jackpot Recreation Center
Stormi, McCarthy, Jackpot Combined School
Katie Estrada, Jackpot Combined School
Mike Christensen, Raft River Electric
Aitor Narvaiza, Elko Sheriff
Lieutenant Doug Fisher

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE GALLERY:

Vice-Chairman Shawn Mathis 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairperson Teresa Hugill led the pledge of allegiance.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

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No. Comments.

TOWN OF JACKPOT

- a. Raft River Electric Company update of the electrical service provided to the town of Jackpot.

Mike Christensen (Raft River Rural Electric) stated that there wasn't anything new. Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) mentioned there were four power pumps in a row and they didn't do anything, but they were hit and miss so a few people called him. Mr. Christensen commented that there was pole on fire north of the town which probably caused those power bumps.

- b. Nevada Health Center update.

Kerrie Preston (Jackpot Clinic Practice Manager) was absent, no report given.

- c. Discussion and consideration to approve changing signers on the Tourism Board bank account from Kaylee Shields to Theresa Dimmitt.

NON-ACTION ITEM

Theresa Dimmitt (Tourism) stated that it needed to be on the record that Kaylee Shields has resigned from Tourism so that the bank account can be changed. Mrs. Shields will be removed, and she will be added to make it easier for the checks to be signed. The only other signers on the accounts are Monica Burt and the town clerk.

Motion: Bruce Ririe made a motion to approve Theresa Dimmitt as a new signer on the Tourism Board bank account in order to replace Kaylee Shields who has resigned from the board, seconded by Alex Torrero. Motion passed.

VOTE:

- Aye: Shawn Mathis
Bruce Ririe
Alex Torrero
Monica Burt
- Nay:
- Absent: Teresa Hugill
- Abstain

**JACKPOT COMBINED SCHOOL
NON ACTION ITEM**

1. Jackpot Combined School update.

Stormi McCarthy (Jackpot School Principal) stated that there would be a back to school open house day on August 26th from 10:30am to 1pm. The children will be able to pick up their chrome books and meet the teachers. There will be a potato bar for people to eat. The children that show up will get a prize. There will also be a Title 1 meeting at this time along with committees (PTO) that parents can be a part of. They are going to try and get the community and parents more involved with the school.

She mentioned that the fence has been moved so that there is only one point of entry. The door will be locked at all times and the gate will be open in the morning to let the children in and at 8am it will be locked. There will be a doorbell or somebody in the office near the door who will check in the visitors. She commented that the chrome books can also be picked up on the first day of school and that parents will be signing a form where they are responsible for any damages to the chrome book.

Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board) asked if she knew how many children were registered and Mrs. McCarthy stated that last year there were one hundred twenty-five and this year she doesn't know yet. She commented that there are fourteen kindergartners even with the change of them having to be five by the first day of school. There will be single kindergarten class, first/second split, third/fourth, and fifth/sixth.

Katie Estrada (Jackpot Combined School Teacher) stated that she worked with vocational rehabilitation to purchase a PAES Lab. This is the first in the district. This is a hands on learning environment lab, that is setup in five different areas. The five areas are: consumer/service, business/marketing, processing/production, construction/industrial, and computer/technology. She commented that her classroom is setup with a section for each of these areas. The teacher is the supervisor, and the students are the employees who clock in and get a job assignment. The assignment changes with each shift. The student is scored on quality, rate of performance, and their interests. Once they are all finished the program is designed to create a beautiful picture of what student likes, dislikes, and what they are good at or not. The student also gets experience in different career areas. This program will be for the seventh and eighth graders.

Mrs. Estrada mentioned that the public library will also be hosting the book mobile on the 26th from five to seven. The state program has purchased an online curriculum and program which has VR headsets, and a demonstration will be done. This is for young adults and adults to get employment opportunities. There is also grant funding that can be provided for certificate programs for people.

**1. Golf Course operations update.
NON ACTION ITEM**

Brent Fleshman (Jackpot Golf Club) was absent, no report given.

**JACKPOT TOURISM
NON ACTION ITEM**

1. Tourism’s operations update.

Theresa Dimmitt (Tourism) stated that tourism is working on a variety of things, but in working with Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) they are looking at getting a two-sided message board sign. This project would use up most of the years budget. This would eliminate people’s comments about not knowing what is happening in the town. She mentioned that she has yet to receive a final quote.

Bruce Ririe (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked if there would be a possibility for town businesses to rent time on the sign to advertise. Mrs. Dimmitt stated that it would be something that can be done.

JACKPOT’S HELPING HANDS FOOD BANK & SERVICES

1. Jackpot’s Helping Hands Food Bank and Services update.
NON ACTION ITEM

Theresa Dimmitt (CEO Jackpot’s Helping Hands /Food Pantry & Senior Services) stated that there is a food shortage, gas prices are increasing, food prices are also increasing, so the food pantry has seen an increase of fourteen new households for a total of twenty-eight people who have signed up in the last four weeks. There is an average of eighty families being served per month. There are sixty-four seniors who are currently receiving food. This is important because she is trying to get funding for a commercial approved kitchen in order to serve congregate meals at the senior center and work with Meals on Wheels to serve those homebound seniors. She believes there are close to two hundred seniors in the town.

She mentioned that since the gas station is closed two days per week and from her understanding more than two days in the future, Bruce Ririe (Jackpot Board member) commented that it would be closed all seven days. Mrs. Dimmitt stated that the problem with this is that people can’t pay with a cash card at the pump, but it can be done with a cashier. There are many people who only use cash, so Helping Hands would like to purchase cash cards in increments of \$10, \$15, and \$20 dollars so that people would give Helping Hands their cash in exchange for a card for the same amount. She will also look into getting cards that don’t require an activation fee.

Mrs. Dimmitt commented that through the non-profit she has seen the many services that are needed, and this card service is a huge need. She mentioned that the non-profit has profited six hundred dollars from all the hot dogs and hamburgers that they have sold. She also thanked Gus Estrada, Travis Hartman, Jeff Bloom, and Tina for all their help with loading, unloading, and cooking. The non-profit made three hundred dollars that Sunday.

JACKPOT SENIOR CENTER

2. Senior Center operations update.

Bill Dimmitt (Jackpot Senior Center) was absent. Theresa Dimmitt relayed the report.

She stated that Terry and Suzie are present and have been very active in helping out with the senior center. They had a mini open house the day prior. Terry does Bingo and her and Suzie help with the food.

Mrs. Dimmitt mentioned that those wanting to play Bingo are given ten dimes and each card is a dime, so than people get to keep the money that they win. This is cheaper than buying the prices and the twenty dollar reward.

The senior center will be working on a new program with the recreation center and on Friday's they play cards. There is a poker game which costs five dollars to play and there are many who like to play. There is a first and second place winner. Jeff Young still plays live music on the first Friday of each month and on that same day all the birthdays for that month are celebrated. They are staying busy three days a week.

JACKPOT EVENTS

3. Event operations update.

Tara Norris (Jackpot Events Coordinator) was absent. The town clerk relayed the information. The pool party will be on August 18th from noon to six. The shopping will be done on the 16th. Tara will also be working on Mexican Independence Day and the Christmas Party which are the town's next events.

JACKPOT RECREATION CENTER

A. Recreation Department operations update. **NON ACTION ITEM**

Beth Lamb (Jackpot Aquatic Center) was absent, Lindsey Merrymen stated that everything is going well. The stair master should arrive the following week. There was wedding at the recreation center and despite the weather it went well.

She mentioned that they are working on starting the Silver Sneakers in September and once there is more information, they will share that. They are ready for the luau and a birthday party the following week.

The steps for the pool have been ordered and the form for the pool liner has been signed and now they are waiting on installation dates.

JACKPOT PUBLIC WORKS

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

Gustavo Estrada (Jackpot Public Works) stated that is has been a busy month. They worked on getting water to a new lot near the Hester's home and they installed a hydrant at the end of the lot. They are now waiting for a meter that is backed order. The owners of the lot have water, so they are good to go.

Mr. Estrada mentioned that they are also working on the water truck and getting its parts ordered.

He commented that Betty, Shawn's secretary would be starting the following week, so they have her office all fixed for her and ready to go. They had to fix the hot water heater because it was leaking above her office. They also fixed the AC at the senior center.

He commented that he along with Brent and a couple from Twin Falls walked the golf course to mark out the areas for the eighteen hole frisbee golf. They had the annual fire extinguishers maintenance check. They also fixed other leaks in the parks and helped setup the tent for an event at the recreation center. He thanked Cactus's Petes for letting them use their tent. They have also picked up food for the food pantry and have fixed lights around the town that were out. They have also helped out at the school with safety concerns that they had.

JACKPOT SAFETY / FIRE

1. **Jackpot Ambulance**

- a. Jackpot Ambulance operations update.

Shelly Hester (Jackpot ambulance) stated that for the month of July they had twenty-nine calls and nineteen of those were transports. They are continuing to be busy. She commented that early Saturday morning they had a slight incident and hit a cow on their return from Twin Falls. The unit is in Twin Falls and insurance is taking over to see what will happen, all the rigs have been moved forward and so they are still in service at the same level.

2. **Jackpot Fire Department**

- a. Jackpot Fire Department operations update.

Kristie Wells (Jackpot Fire) stated that there were forty-six calls, and a good portion of those calls were medical assists. There was one extrication in a two vehicle accident. There were nine service calls, standbys, cancelations, and one vehicle fire. They have been doing standby for the races. They also did Edge Fest was a huge success and they had their decon showers as a preventive measure. She stated other than that they have been training

Elko County Sheriff's Department

- a. Sheriff Office operations update.

Aitor Narvaiza (Elko County Sheriff) stated that they had a busy month. The previous week there were five deputies in the town throughout the day working Edge Fest. There was a medical call where a guy overdosed, and the fire department did a great job in dealing with it. At the end of the night, they drove to Wells for the Car Show, Lieutenant Fisher and another deputy were there and there were three deputies in Jackpot. There were no incidents, just one citation, and some traffic stops.

He mentioned that they ran an operation with the US Marshalls and the Elko Police Department called "Operation Silver Star" where they targeted sex offenders. They did a sex offender sweep, they confirmed seventy-three sex offenders countywide. There were thirty-two that weren't home and two that weren't compliant (criminal charges pending). They also targeted individuals with felonies and warrants, they had seven felony arrests and one misdemeanor.

He commented that they worked in Midas, the NBU, the Big Horn Dinner where they had five to six hundred people in attendance. There were a couple of fights. He mentioned that this week will be Jarbidge Days. Once they return from that it will be the county fair for two weeks, the Jackpot Car Show, and one other event.

He stated that in the search and rescue department there have been thirty-five more calls than the previous year. The suicide calls are a bit higher than the previous year along with the medical calls which are twenty-three more than last year. There are one thousand more calls to service than the previous year countywide. He was made aware of a motorcycle event in the town in the following weeks and he'll make sure to have extra deputies. Lieutenant Fisher has had the staff to cover all the concerts happening.

They will be using the MDT Mobile Data Terminals (computers). A computer will be in all the vehicles where they will be able to run the license plates and do their reports. The deputies won't longer have to go to the office, everything can be done on scene. The report will go straight to the office. Mr. Narvaiza mentioned that the sheriff's office purchased an app which those who download it can see all the information the sheriff's office puts out, the ccw's can be done, in office reports, courts, if sex offenders are in the town, talk to an incarcerated family member, or commissary. The press releases are on the app and major flood warnings are also on the app. It's the Elko County Sheriff App

He commented that the day prior to the meeting there was a lot of rain which caused the loss of a road which flooded, while the county road department was working on it there was flash flood in Lamoille Canyon. He and Lieutenant Fisher along with other staff made sure people got out. Every deputy has a new vehicle including the deputies in Jackpot. They purchased twenty-four vehicles.

Lieutenant Doug Fisher mentioned that the Mobile Data Computers were about one hundred eighty-four thousand dollars what the county would be saving in labor to have the information available on their vehicles. The program will integrate with dispatch. The biggest portion of the program is the communication hub piece. The information will be seen in real time which will include reports, notes, and it's linked with the police department. This program will eventually cut down on mileage, wear, and tear, help on the gas prices, and being able to work remotely from the vehicle. The initial cost is pricey, but at the end he thinks the county will save lots of money. This is just like when the county started using the cloud for the body cam footage instead of burning discs, which has been a huge savings to the county. The MDT program will allow for better service to the community and efficiency.

Sheriff Aitor mentioned that some deputies attended a radar class and he stopped by and was able to see how the new radars worked. He commented that those new radars have cool capabilities such as displaying the distance of a vehicle and their speed at six thousand feet.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

1. Discussion and consideration of the Town of Jackpot Accounts Payable.

Vice-Chairman Shawn Mathis commented that the town's yearly insurance was taken from various departments.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT AND OTHER ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

1. Discussion and consideration of received correspondence.

CONSENT AGENDA

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 – July 14, 2022

Next Meeting Date – September 8, 2022

Motion: Alex Torrero made a motion to accept the minutes for the Jackpot Advisory Board Meeting for the date July 14, 2022, and the next meeting date for the Jackpot Advisory Board Meeting for the date of September 8, 2022, seconded by Monica Burt. Motion passed.

VOTE:

Aye: Shawn Mathis
Bruce Ririe
Alex Torrero
Monica Burt

Nay:
Absent: Teresa Hugill
Abstain

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF COMMENTS

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Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board member) stated that she had information regarding the census, especially since the town looks at the information every so often for incorporation reasons. The town knows that it needs a certain number of people in town, a certain number of diversified businesses and with Love's coming in that helps. The dispensary and Dotty's have also helped.

The census shows that there are nine hundred twenty-eight people total. This pretty good because people were moving out right as the census was going on. In order to incorporate the town would need one thousand people and she believes the town is much closer to that now. The data shows that the median household income is twenty-five thousand six hundred seventy-five dollars. This is low. Twenty-one percent of the population has a bachelor's degree or higher. The employment rate is eighty percent. The total housing units is four hundred eighty-two. There are eleven point five percent of people who don't have health care coverage. There are four hundred eighteen total households and four hundred twenty-four are Hispanic or Latino.

She has also called Elko to find out how many people are registered voters because at least two hundred are needed to get a voting machine. Two years ago, there were only a little over one hundred register voters and now the town has four hundred thirty four active/inactive people. This means some people haven't quite voted in the last couple years. There are three hundred eleven people that are active voters in Jackpot.

She asked if the town could get a voting machine, but they didn't have the equipment this year, sadly. She has asked to be put on the list for the next two years when it's time for the presidential elections. In late September is when ballots will be mailed out and so the time is now to register to vote. She will put this information around town and on Facebook to make people aware of this. She believes that the governor position is up for election, a senator, and few others are up for election.

Theresa Dimmitt (CEO Jackpot's Helping Hands /Food Pantry & Senior Services) asked if she could get a copy of the data which includes the breakdown of age groups from Mrs. Burt because she could use that information for grants for the senior center. She also asked what it means to be a resident because with the services she offers she knows people that have been living in a rv park for more than a year.

Mrs. Burt commented that in order to get postal service there needs to be a rental agreement to get a free box. Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) stated that a person needs to live in a community for six months in order to be considered a resident.

Bruce Ririe (Jackpot Advisory Board member) mentioned that he thinks that with a median household income of twenty-five thousand six hundred seventy-five dollars the town should qualify for number of low income grants based on this alone.

Vice-Chairman Shawn Mathis stated that earlier in the month he went to Elko with Mr. Burt for an airport meeting with the BLM, FAA, and Armstrong (Engineering Consultant.) They are trying to get the lease renewed on the airport, but the way the boundaries are set on the airport is that half of Honda hill is on the airport, three of the four brown trough ponds are on the airport and the goal is to get the boundaries re-established so that they can put together things exactly where they need to be, before they work with the BLM to get that done. It was a preliminary meeting where they talked about having the surveyors in the town and follow the fence line in order to include areas and so that none of the town property is being annexed into the airport and nothing can be done with it. They met in Elko, and they also met at the airport in Jackpot to figure things out. This process will take three years before everything is said and done.

Vice-Chair Mathis commented that it sounds like they are going to pull the airport back so that it's not into the ponds. The ponds will than annexed where they are supposed to be on a certain lease, compared to where they are now. Where the public works building is at, ponds, and the transfer station should all be one lease compared to the way it is now which is the public works building, the transfer station, and one pond is on a lease. The other lease is the airport with the ponds which has never been changed. There is no town property on the side of the transfer station, it's the other side.

Mr. Burt stated that once the town property boundaries have been set, the BLM will start looking at the patenting process and what has been compiled together will be given to the town. The BLM has no use for airports.

Vice-Chair Mathis commented that whatever is on the airport lease will be patented back to the town. Mr. Burt mentioned that once the boundaries have been compiled, they will start working on the second lease which is the transfer station and the sewer. This will all go through the same process and eventually be patented to the town meaning no more lease agreements.

He reiterated that they met with the FAA ADO who is the main guy for the Western region of the country. He is the one that Mr. Burt reports to directly. He also works with the engineering consultant to fund the airport projects. One of the reasons that all of this needs to be done is because it's in the master plan for the airport in conjunction with the BLM patenting process. It will be a joint venture together. The property South and North of town is town property, but it's in the FAA lease agreement, so it can't be touched. Once those boundaries get compiled together it will free town property so that the town can decide what to do with it. Once this is set, they will start doing the cadastral which is the patenting process, (Surveying and everything else) meanwhile the engineers will be doing environmental, studies, pavement, and that is what master plan is, without that, the town can't get funding for next year. This is the reason it needs to happen now. Once one side is close to completion, they will start the other process which includes the wastewater and transfer station. This will be more simplified and that will be another piece of property that will be patented to the town of Jackpot.

Mr. Ririe asked if there was any last minute information regarding the car show, nobody had anything to say. He mentioned that the Chevron convenient store has been closed until further notice starting the following day. They have been unable to hire anybody to fill that position.

Shelly Hester (Jackpot Ambulance) commented that they need to fill in Rogerson or Hollister because the pumps don't read their fleet cards.

Mr. Burt mentioned that a big problem the county or sheriff's department has is that when they use the pumps sometimes, they don't get a receipt and those receipts are needed. He commented that there are fuel cells at the public works shop if fuel is needed. Mr. Ririe stated that he would check on this issue because they were supposed to have this fixed prior to the closure. He also asked to take a picture of Mrs. Hester's fleet card in order to try and figure out the issue with the pumps not reading the cards.

Mrs. Burt asked if Mr. Burt could change over to a fleet card system, so that a receipt wasn't required. Mr. Burt stated that they also have a fleet card, but it's more expensive than what they are using the cards for. He also commented that another issue is the receipt paper sometimes hasn't been replaced.

Mrs. Dimmitt asked how long after getting gas can somebody get a receipt. Vice-Chairman Mathis stated that normally is the day of because once the unit is closed for the day it goes to accounting.

Mr. Burt stated that there will be some changes happening in how the town operates and if somebody needs to have fuel the public works shop has five hundred gallon tanks. He commented that Love's has submitted their plans and some of their designs were from the Southern part of the state which won't work in the northern part of the state. There were fourteen issues and Elko County has requested that they make the changes, and they got all the changes back. He thinks that they are waiting on one of the changes.

As far as the town goes, he has submitted all the documentation for the service connection starting fees. Once they get the other stuff issued this will also be issued. They are predicting on breaking ground the first of September. One of their biggest problems is finding a contractor which is something that the town has said is an issue.

Mr. Ririe commented that he spoke with Corey Rice about the flood plain and the storm water plan and once they had the civils, he would let them know what kind of upgrades are needed. Mr. Burt mentioned that he needs to visit with Mr. Ririe because when Keno is being done between them and the school they will need to curb and sidewalk that area. He commented that all new construction needs to adapt to the master plans. He mentioned that they would like to see if Cactus Petes will also join in to save on costs and complete the project to the end of Keno. The storm drain will flood on top of them, and it has to adapt to it. The storm drain coming across the freeway and opening up isn't seen as a big issue from what the civils are, but he can't give them to Mr. Ririe because he is till confined to them, but he can show them to him. Mr. Ririe mentioned that he remembers seeing a retention basin. Mr. Burt stated that there is one on eastside of the property which is storm drain collections. It's like Dotty's who put two storm drain collections and once they get full it goes into the storm drain and once it stops filling it evaporates. These are three feet deep across that side. Mr. Ririe commented that he would be meeting with Mr. Burt.

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ADJOURN

Motion: Bruce Ririe made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alex Torrero.
Motion passed.

VOTE:

Aye:	Shawn Mathis
	Bruce Ririe
	Alex Torrero
	Monica Burt
Nay:	
Absent:	Teresa Hugill
Abstain:	

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.