



# TOWN OF JACKPOT, NEVADA ADVISORY BOARD

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Teresa Hugill  
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Beth Lamb  
Shelly Hester  
Maria Salas  
Betty Marquez  
Theresa Dimmitt

## JACKPOT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

**THURSDAY, May 23, 2023**

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### **6:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting of the Jackpot Advisory Board was called to order by Chairperson Teresa Hugill at 6:00 pm mountain standard time on May 23, 2023, in the meeting room of the Jackpot Administration Building, Jackpot, Nevada.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Members Present: Teresa Hugill (Present near the end of the meeting)  
Monique Gollihar  
Jeff Young  
Bruce Ririe

Absent: Monica Burt

Others Present: Shawn Burt, Jackpot Public Works Superintendent  
Brian Hugill, Jackpot Fire Chief  
Gustavo Estrada, Jackpot Public Works Lead  
Theresa Dimmitt, Jackpot Helping Hands, Tourism, & SC  
Shelly Hester, Ambulance  
Brad Hester, Jackpot resident  
Stormi McCarthy, Jackpot Combined School Principal

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

Chairperson Teresa Hugill was absent at the beginning of the meeting and had Bruce Ririe (Jackpot Advisory Board member) conduct the meeting. He 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:**

Bruce Ririe (Jackpot Advisory Board member) led the pledge of allegiance.

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

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Stormi McCarthy (Jackpot Combined School Principal) thanked the Town of Jackpot and the advisory board for all the things that they have done for the school. They sent some cookies to the public work guys in the morning and presented the advisory board with a poster full of pictures with the different activities that the public works department has helped with, handwritten thank you cards from the students, and some cookies.

Brian Hugill (Jackpot Fire Chief) stated that the previous week three of his guys took the State of Nevada Firefighter 1 Certification and they all passed the written and physical agility. In speaking with Carl Marr this is historically the first time that Jackpot has had this many firefighter 1 certifications.

Mr. Hugill commented that they had an exciting weekend. He, Gustavo Estrada, and Shelly Hester rescued eight people. On Sunday early morning there were riots. He mentioned that he and Deputy Pace both went to the bottom of the canyon to rescue people. Deputy Pace, Mr. Hugill, and the EMS crew all had to deal with thirty violent people in the town. He mentioned that he made shoes out of his pants for a person they rescued who almost drowned.

Bruce Ririe (Jackpot Advisory Board member) thanked everybody for the work over the weekend and congratulated those that passed the certification especially since it's the first time in the town.

Brad Hester (Jackpot Fireworks) commented that he talked to both Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) and Fire Chief Hugill about having fireworks on Memorial Day in the evening. When they were in Spring Creek doing fireworks, they appropriated a few and another gentleman in the town had quite a few that he released over to Mr. Hester because they are illegal. The fireworks will be shot from the baseball field as soon as there isn't sun. It won't be a huge show, but people will be able to see and hear them.

Mr. Hugill mentioned that the fire department will be painted, and he would like the advisory board's help in choosing the color. The color options are all a red brick color from light to dark. There is a burnt red color option that he feels would like good on the station.

Gustavo Estrada (Jackpot Public Works lead) stated that the person who does the poison eggs around town for the birds was in the town on Saturday laying eggs. There were 120 eggs, and he will be doing another batch the following day. He noticed that the first batch knocked out many birds. Mr. Ririe stated that he was out at the transfer station, and it was quiet. Mr. Estrada commented that if people saw dead birds now, they know the reason and they are mainly towards the transfer station.

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot Helping Hands & Senior Services) commented that a month ago, Matt Merryman (Veterans Advocate) presented her with a flag and certificate. She now has the flag, the certificate, and the coins for all the branches of the military, veterans, Elko County sheriffs, fire department, and EMTs in a display box that will be hung in the senior center.

## TOWN OF JACKPOT

- a. Open Forum Discussion.  
NON-ACTION

Bruce Ririe (Jackpot Advisory Board member) stated that at the previous month's meeting there were discussions about concerns or things the town would like to see. One of the concerns is the feeding of stray animals. They thought this was something that was taken care of, but it wasn't. Brad Hester (Jackpot resident) commented that egg baiting has made a tremendous difference and visible. The problem is that there are certain people still feeding the animals. They have a neighbor doing the same thing and he thinks that since it's not on his property it's legal to do so. He's making his other neighbor unhappy because he is feeding these animals behind his home.

Mr. Ririe commented that they have surveillance on the person they were concerned with. They turned the video over to Animal Control. Animal Control was on their way to the town because they need to see people feeding the animals, but things couldn't be taken from the hotel so Animal Control didn't continue their trip to the town. Cactus Petes has been gathering other videos and Animal Control will cite the individuals. Mr. Hester commented that people are sneaky and know they are being watched. Jeff Young (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked if the videos are incriminating enough or if Animal Control needs to witness it happening. It makes it easier. Mr. Hester commented that from what he remembers from being Justice of the Peace and deputy video will probably be enough to get a warrant for a citation later on, but not enough to cite at that moment. A misdemeanor has to occur in their presence, a video is evidence, but it didn't occur in their presence so it's better to run through the district attorney's office. Loves is ahead of schedule, and he would like to know if there is anything that the town needs to do or be ready.

Mr. Ririe asked Gustavo Estrada (Jackpot Public Works Lead) if he had any concerns around the town. Mr. Estrada stated that no.

### **ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF COMMENTS:**

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.

NON-ACTION

Monique Gollihar (Jackpot Advisory Board member) stated that she reached out to the USDA ladies regarding the rural development loans. They plan to be in the town on June 27<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the Jackpot Advisory Board meeting room. They will go over rural development loans and grants available. She is sure that they will be prepared to help people apply or just give information. Jeff Young (Jackpot Advisory Board member) mentioned that Rocket Mortgage asks for 1 percent down for a home loan and they are applying the other 2 percent that is required.

Bruce Ririe (Jackpot Advisory Board member) mentioned that on the 31<sup>st</sup> for the town cleanup he would like to know if there are specific areas that need specific attention. Gustavo Estrada (Jackpot Public Works Lead) stated that the fence lines, across the school, Piersanti, Cactus Petes property on Glen Doren, and near the highway.

Mr. Ririe commented that Cactus Petes Cares had a meeting, and they will be focusing on the acreage between Cactus Petes and Loves and their fence lines. Mr. Estrada that Raft River Rural Electric will show a demonstration of what high voltage will do to a body prior to the cleaning. The public works department will provide the trash bags, escort people in the trucks to areas farther away, and trash bags that full can be left on the sidewalk and they will pick them up to take to the transfer station. He mentioned that they also had vests for those who will be working on the fence lines.

## **JACKPOT SUPERINTENDENT**

Jackpot Superintendent operations update.

### **NON-ACTION**

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) stated that Loves will be shutting the road down today. They will pave half of Progressive Thursday; it will be open again to be shut down on the 15<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup> to finish the paving. He mentioned that half of Keno maybe shut down at the same time. He isn't sure if the deadline to open in June is still correct. Bruce Ririe (Jackpot Advisory Board member) mentioned that Todd (Loves superintendent) thinks that they will need another week or two before opening to get everything finalized. Mr. Ririe asked Mr. Burt if they know when they expect to have EPA and OSHA in the town for inspections. Mr. Burt stated that this will happen until Love's gets closer to being open. Mr. Burt mentioned that it was approved for them to finish the sidewalk along Cactus Petes property down Keno.

He mentioned that he spoke to Albert Sevier (Elko Deputy) who was in contact with Animal Control, and they sent 4 more traps. Mr. Sevier set those traps.

The budget's final approval is all finished, signed, and now it's just waiting for July 1<sup>st</sup>. A project that is included is the upgrading and updating of all the street signs to be spelled correctly. He mentioned that Keno and Piersanti can be renamed because they aren't joined. There will be some discussion on this. He commented that Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board member) and Betty Marquez (Jackpot Admin) have been working with Google to get things correct/added in the town.

He stated that on June 7<sup>th</sup> the car lineup will start at 6pm at the Spanish Gardens Rv Park and the senior parade will start at 7pm. The graduation will be on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Shelly Hester (Ambulance) and Debbie (School) are working together to get the route done. Corey (Deputy) will be working that day and so he needs to be informed because he will be the escort.

He mentioned that he's been getting many emails regarding Per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) issue in the country. The state of Nevada has started workshops that the town will be setting up for and going through. They are preapproval projects for funding for when the town has to start testing for PFAS; if there isn't any funding the upfront cost will need to be paid by the town/county. The testing is expensive and there isn't any funding for it at this time, but the state is trying to get ahead of it. Townships and communities can get ahead of game by having everything in order by the time the funds start being submitted. The town wasn't picked in the lottery to test this year. He commented that the town along with every community across the country will need to have a complete inventory of lead and copper. This has to be completed by October 26, 2024. All the lead and copper lines will need to be identified all way up to a resident's door.

There is quite a bit of stuff that is happening and he's working on a lot more stuff. He hasn't heard from Mr. Latin about the properties. He talked to Cory Rice (Elko County Senior Surveyor/Planner) who completed the zoning parts and is drafting them, than the town will start looking at deeding the property. Mr. Rice has also talked to Clayton Homes and Westwind Homes and has them on board. He's sure that once things progress representatives from the two companies will be meeting with people. This is a slow process, but it's moving forward.

Mr. Ririe commented that he wondered if people understood what PFAS is and what's involved. Mr. Burt stated that PFAS is something mankind created years ago. It's a polycarbonate that doesn't ever go away, a forever chemical. It's in spray retardants, Teflon pans, popcorn bags, and many other things. There are starting to be more traces of it and it's more prominent in larger communities compared to smaller ones. It's also being found in the water systems, landfill, wastewater, and traces in people's bodies. It can't be destroyed but it needs to be taken care of. The federal government decided to start a lottery and in Nevada there are two or three communities that won the lottery and need to start testing for it. The town will need to take care of it and fund it. The crew will need to wear one hundred percent cotton clothes that will wash six times before it can be used. There are public work guys standing in their underwear testing for it. Once it's traced a pilot which is anywhere from fifty to two to five million dollars is set up for testing to see what medium will hold it. Once that is figured out another expense of up to fifty million dollars can be spent on pulling it out of all the systems, but there is no place to get rid of it. Mr. Ririe commented that it also hasn't been outlawed. Mr. Burt mentioned that Wendy's fast food is PFAS free, but there are other companies that have been sued billions of dollars and those funds will be dispersed in places to try and take care of the issue. There isn't any process, regulation, or anything other than having communities test for it. He will be starting some documentation on it and there will be approvals needed from the board and commissioners when the funds.

Jeff Young (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked if there were any updates regarding the marquee. Mr. Burt stated that he's still waiting on Corey for the easements and that he will be talking to Jesse about getting the permit done in order to move forward with a letter. He received an email with the requirements for the electrical portion and Raft River will aide with that. He commented that Corey is a busy person and there are only two people in the county who deal with permits and zoning.

Theresa Dimmit (Jackpot Helping Hands & Senior Services) asked about how people would know the difference between an indoor and outdoor feral cat. Brad Hester (Jackpot resident) stated that from his experience the feral cats will go crazy in the cage while a house cat doesn't do anything. Mr. Burt stated that any animal that is trapped is feral and a personal pet shouldn't be outside of the yard or home. Mr. Ririe mentioned that they will be working with Animal Control from Elko who have provided them with traps. The traps are monitored everyday for the wellbeing of the animal, they are then transported to Wells and Animal Control evaluates the animals.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE REPORT AND OTHER ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:**

1. Discussion and consideration of received correspondence.  
NON-ACTION

There was no 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.

### ACTION ITEM

#### Approval of Minutes

DRAFT Jackpot Advisory Board May 4, 2023

DRAFT Jackpot Advisory Board May 11, 2023

(This material is available upon request.)

Next Meeting Date – June 8, 2023

Monique Gollihar (Jackpot Advisory Board member) stated that she wouldn't be available for the meeting on June 8, 2023. The town clerk mentioned that the town's high school graduation is that day and that Chairperson Teresa Hugill was made aware of this, and she would like the meeting to be on a different day.

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) recommended that there only be one meeting on June 13, 2023.

**Motion: Jeff Young made a motion to accept the minutes for the Jackpot Advisory Board Meeting for the date May 4, 2023, May 11, 2023, and the next meeting date for the Jackpot Advisory Board Meeting for the date of June 13, 2023, seconded by Monique Gollihar. Motion passed.**

### VOTE:

Aye: Bruce Ririe  
Teresa Hugill  
Monica Burt  
Monique Gollihar

Nay:

Absent:

Abstain

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### NON-ACTION

## ADJOURN

### ACTION ITEM

**Motion: Jeff Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Monique Gollihar.**  
Motion passed.

**VOTE:**                   Aye: Teresa Hugill  
                                  Monique Gollihar  
                                  Jeff Young  
                                  Bruce Ririe  
                                  Monica Burt  
                              Nay:  
                              Absent:  
                              Abstain:

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.