



# TOWN OF JACKPOT, NEVADA ADVISORY BOARD

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## JACKPOT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

**THURSDAY, December 12, 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 December 12, 2024, in the meeting room of the Jackpot Administration Building, Jackpot, Nevada.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Members Present:     Monica Burt  
                              Jeff Young  
                              Teresa Hugill  
                              Monique Gollihar  
                              Larry Lineberry

### **Absent:**

Others Present:       Shawn Burt, Jackpot Town Superintendent  
                              Gustavo Estrada, Public Works Lead  
                              Brandon Martinez, Jackpot Fire Department  
                              Theresa Dimmitt, Jackpot Recreation Center  
                              Theresa Dimmitt, Jackpot Tourism/Senior Center  
                              Norma Huerta and Stormi McCarthy, Jackpot Combined School  
                              Brad Hester, Jackpot Fireworks

### **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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Brad Hester (Jackpot Fireworks) stated that he wanted to make sure that the party is on December 19<sup>th</sup> and that the fireworks would be at seven. The board said yes. He mentioned that the fireworks are all ready to go. There will be extra fireworks this year because some of the cakes didn't go off at the Spring Creek show he did the previous week, there is a big one.

Christian Good (Principal of the Company GLM Gaming) stated that they are in the process of purchasing Barton's Club 93 and the purchase should close on January 6<sup>th</sup>, which is a Monday. They have been in this process for over a year now because going through the licensing process in the state of Nevada is quite a journey. He commented that if the board needs anything there are a couple of members from the board who know how to contact him. He mentioned that if there is anything that they could or should do for the community that there shouldn't be any hesitation in reaching out to him. One of the things that they are pretty proud of is that in most places they have ever been they are good community members. It takes everybody to get things done in small communities and they want to be a part of it.

The board welcomed him to the community.

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

1. Raft River Electric update.

Mike Christensen (Raft River Electric) stated that he wasn't aware of any town outages other than the one that happened tonight in a couple of homes, and it was taken care of. The two big things happening in the town are the line relocation on the northside that is moving closer to the highway. They still haven't scheduled an exact outage yet, but they are trying to figure out when that will be done.

It will probably be a four-hour outage and so they want to schedule it on a day when the weather will be warm. They would like to do it during the Christmas break when the children aren't in school, but it depends on the weather. He will try and give everybody a week's notice. The other major thing that they would like people to be aware of is that they have been in a budget process at Raft River and a rate increase will be happening. The increase usually takes effect in April, and it might be up to a ten percent increase, but there isn't an official number yet from the board of directors. Once he knows more details, he will let the town know.

Betty Marquez (Jackpot Admin) asked if Raft River would be attending the town Christmas party and if they would need a table, Mr. Christensen stated that he didn't know if they would be doing the float, but he along with a few others would be in attendance.

**NEVADA HEALTH CENTER  
NON-ACTION ITEM**

1. Nevada Health Center update.

No representative present.

**JACKPOT COMBINED SCHOOL  
NON-ACTION ITEM**

1. Jackpot Combined School update.

Maribel Torrero (Jackpot Combined School) invited everybody to attend the basketball games. The season has started and the boys' and girls' varsity teams both went to Wells and represented the town very well at the WREC tournament. There are a couple more games in the week, but after that they won't have more until after the Christmas break. She commented that both games are exciting, and people should check them out. She stated that on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> will be the Winter Festival. The elementary students will be performing songs and after that there will be games, food, and lots of fun. She invited everybody to join them.

**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 she was on the tourism call with the Recreation Board in Elko and they are putting together a Reno air race next year. They want to stop in many places and Jackpot would be one of them. Once there is more information, she will let the board know. The tourism department gets so many funds allocated to it and she can create a budget in order to allocate some of those funds toward the air races. She will be asking for approval from the board to donate towards the air races so that they can be held in Jackpot. The air races can bring in up to four thousand people to the town. This would be great for all the businesses in the town. Chairperson Jeff Young asked when this would be taking place. Mrs. Dimmitt stated that there isn't a specific date yet, but it will be next year, and this is something she is excited about.

She mentioned that she would like to order more swag with this current year's recreation board budget funds. There have been many visitors at the visitor center and asking about swag (bags, pens, keychains, etc.) and if there were some available, they could be sold for a small amount to build up the revenue for tourism or activities. She thinks that instead of having the swag at the fair it would be better to have it in the town for those that visit the visitor center.

## 2. Senior Center updates.

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot Senior Center) stated that there will be seven seniors that will need a ride for the Christmas party, and she is thinking that it should be a time set for each apartment complex. The Giving Tree is setup at the recreation center and all the hearts are gone. There were many participants and twenty-three families that signed up. A total of fourteen people took one or two hearts off the tree. She mentioned that a person who used to live in the town moved to Boise, but they had a friend pickup a heart for them, and they sent the presents already.

## **JACKPOT EVENTS**

### **NON-ACTION ITEMS**

#### 1. Event operations update.

Betty Marquez (Jackpot Admin) reiterated that events are being operated by her, Theresa, and the clerk. There isn't anything new to report regarding the Christmas party. Vice-Chairperson Monica Burt asked what time the parade would be at. Mrs. Marquez stated that the parade is at 5:30pm, dinner at 6:00pm, and fireworks at 7pm. It will be potluck style and although the town provides the meal, she didn't have that advertised. Vice-Chairperson Burt asked if the flyers have been advertised to which Mrs. Marquez stated yes, the flyers are on Facebook and the town app. She commented that the Christmas light contest is also advertised. Monique Gollihar (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked the board how they wanted to choose the winners for the contest. Teresa Hugill (Jackpot Advisory Board member) mentioned that there should be a few days before the party where they could drive around to look at the lights because the year prior there were some lights not on. Vice-Chairperson Burt stated that it could be posted that Monday through Wednesday there would be people driving around the town in the evening to look at the Christmas lights. Mrs. Hugill commented that when ever they each had time they could drive around on their own and they would write down the address of the place they liked, and they would discuss things at the party two at a time or they would submit their vote. Theresa Hugill (Jackpot Senior Center) mentioned that a suggestion would be for each of the board members to pick their top three in each category. Mrs. Marquez asked that the board text her their favorites and she would calculate the votes.

## **JACKPOT RECREATION CENTER**

### **NON-ACTION ITEMS**

#### 1. Recreation Center Department operations update.

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot Recreation Center) stated that they deposited six hundred and fifty-two dollars for the month of November. There was a total of four hundred and one people coming through the recreation center: two hundred and thirty people for the gym, a party with over seventy people, seniors seventy-one, and twenty-eight for the pool. The pool numbers were low because of heater and chemical issues, but it's fixed, and she had people jumping for joy that they could get back in the pool and they have been showing up.

She mentioned that on Christmas Eve from 1pm-3pm at the recreation center there would be cookies and story time with Santa. This is for people who don't necessarily have a lot of family in the town, and she didn't think it would get a lot of response, but surprisingly there has been an interest. There will be a station for digital pictures with Santa and people can even take their well-behaved pet to get a picture.

## **JACKPOT PUBLIC WORKS**

### **NON-ACTION ITEM**

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

Gustavo Estrada (Jackpot Public Works lead) stated that they have been doing preventive maintenance work on the vehicles and equipment. They have also been decorating the town with Christmas lights and decorations.

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

1. Jackpot Fire Department operations update.

Brandon Martinez (Jackpot Fire) stated that in the month they had thirty- three fire calls, twenty-two ambulance calls, and seventeen transports. They are also expecting to have way more especially since it's the time of the year where people are traveling with their families, so it's only going to get worse.

2. Jackpot Ambulance operations update.

No representative present.

3. Elko County Sheriff's operations update.

Albert Sevier (Sergent) stated that he wasn't sure who be present at the parade, but an officer would be there. Vice-Chairperson Monica Burt asked about the crime rate in Jackpot and Sergent Sevier stated that it's escalating. She asked if it was bad at this time of the year, he stated that they mostly worry about depression during the wintertime. He asks that if anybody knows somebody who is alone to please check in on them because there are many people who get so far in a funk that they can't get out. This is their biggest concern right now and if anybody needs anything they can provide them with numbers for assistance. The casinos have their regular raucous happening. Larry Lineberry (Jackpot Advisory Board member) commented that maybe the town should post some assistance numbers on the website.

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

### **NON-ACTION ITEM**

1. Discussion and consideration of received correspondence.

No 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 November 14, 2024  
(This material is available upon request.)

Next Meeting Date – January 9, 2025

**Motion: Monique Gollihar made a motion to approve the minutes and accept the next meeting of January 9, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Monica Burt.** Motion passed.

**VOTE:**

Aye: Jeff Young  
Teresa Hugill  
Monica Burt  
Monique Gollihar  
Larry Lineberry

Nay:  
Absent:  
Abstain:

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

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Teresa Hugill (Jackpot Advisory Board member) stated that the town looks great and that the public works team has done amazing with the brick work, decorations around the town and the parks. She commented that she is excited to hear about the amount of people that have visited the recreation center after all the times they tried to close it and now there is six hundred dollars being deposited in a month compared to the thirty or sixty dollars before. She expressed her appreciation for everybody who is supporting the recreation center.

Larry Lineberry (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked if there was any progress with the wrecked trailers. Shawn Burt (Town Superintendent) stated that Elko sent out certified letters and in his visit with Corey Rice (Elko County Senior Planner/Surveyor) he was told that they would be sending another round of certified letters. This is all part of the procedure and there aren't any fines that could be issued and all that can be done is a lien could be put on the property, but there are procedures that need to be followed prior. Mrs. Hugill commented that she is worried about people going in those trailers and she would hate for a fire to be started in one. Mr. Burt stated that he had this conversation with Mr. Rice, and they will be hounding Brett

to get those trailers removed.

Monique Gollihar (Jackpot Advisory Board member) commented that she's talked to many people about all the good news regarding housing. She would like some notice for when the housing development group is back in town, so that she can have the ladies from the USDA also present. Mr. Burt stated that the development group submitted their request for appraisals to move forward on the property and the county commissioners approved it. The appraisers will be from Las Vegas and once the property is appraised there will be talk about negotiations. He commented that Summitt Edge is actually named Coyote Creek Development, and they want to start breaking ground in the Spring. He mentioned that Summit Edge will be in the town the first of the year. They have roughly three or four different lenders which includes USDA. There are also housing developers who will build a house and Fleetwood Homes who is on board with them. He commented that every house will be on a permanent foundation. They will be in Jackpot in January, and he will give everybody plenty of notice and it will also be posted on the town app and the Facebook page. This will happen in a meeting independent to a town meeting. They will be contacting the people whose names were on the lists. This is all the updates at this time.

Mr. Burt commented that there wasn't time, and it couldn't be put on the agenda, but he had a meeting with Safe Drinking Water and EPA. The town was put on the February state revolving fund board meeting for additional funding for the water study. The town has one hundred fifty-one thousand dollars through the WIIN's Grant. The town had to come up with an additional four hundred and seventy something thousand dollars, but Safe Drinking Water from the state revolving fund will be covering eighty percent of that and the town will need to come up with twenty percent which is eighty-five thousand dollars. There can't be any action on this, so he is making the board members aware because the commissioners will have it on their agenda for their next meeting which the board won't have time to make a motion on it. The eighty-five thousand dollars which is the town match will be taken from the water capital funding which has more than an adequate amount of monies for this. He mentioned that for the town to do the actual study for the water, well, and tank location was about six hundred thousand dollars total, but the town will only need to come up with eighty-five thousand dollars. This will be discussed at the next commissioner meeting and will go through the approval. He stated that after February there will be drill rigs digging holes and doing geological testing.

Vice-Chairperson Burt asked the board if they all got the email for a class regarding meeting conduct, rules of meeting, effective means, and best practices. It will be on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 2pm Elko time. She stated that she is going to see if the meeting can be done through Zoom, so that they don't have to travel to Elko. Mr. Burt stated that if the board wanted to all sit on it, they would be separated, but they could also join the meeting from their home if it's available through Zoom. Vice-Chairperson Burt asked if anybody else has had problems getting appointments at the clinic because she has called, and nobody answers the phone. She has also emailed, and the emails are returned as undeliverable. Mrs. Gollihar commented that when she called, she wasn't able to reach anybody. Vice-Chairperson Burt stated that even for the telehealth doc which they were told they could do, and she has a simple thing, but she couldn't get through. She was disappointed that there wasn't anybody available to ask, so she is wondering if anybody else has the same problem so they can make a phone call. Mrs. Hugill mentioned that Rebecca (Clinic) said she was no longer with them and that she would miss the town, but when she went to an appointment Esmeralda was still there, and she should be answering the phone unless the calls

are routed somewhere else. Mrs. Hugill stated that she hoped there would be news of a doctor and Vice-Chairperson Burt commented that she was also hoping for an update especially since people at her job are asking her questions about how they can get an appointment.

**COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:**

**NON-ACTION ITEM**

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The board wished everybody a Merry Christmas.

**ADJOURN**

**ACTION ITEM**

**Motion: Teresa Hugill moved to adjourn, seconded by Larry Lineberry.** Motion passed.

**VOTE:**                   Aye:   Larry Lineberry  
                                      Jeff Young  
                                      Teresa Hugill  
                                      Monica Burt  
                                      Larry Lineberry

Nay:  
Absent:  
Abstain:

Chairperson Jeff Young reminded everybody to unmute their phones.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.