



**TOWN OF JACKPOT, NEVADA
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**JACKPOT ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

THURSDAY, March 9, 2023

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 March 9, 2023, in the meeting room of the Jackpot Administration Building, Jackpot, Nevada.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Teresa Hugill
Monica Burt
Monique Gollihar

Absent: Bruce Ririe

Others Present: Shawn Burt, Jackpot Public Works Superintendent
Gustavo Estrada, Public Works Lead
Theresa Dimmitt, Jackpot Helping Hands, Tourism, & SC
Randy Pingel, Jackpot Fire
Shelly Hester, Ambulance
Lyndsey Merryman, Jackpot Recreation Center
Trinidad Pingel, Jackpot Combined School
Mike Christensen, Raft River Electric
Hayden Horn, MMASV Racing
James, Brother Speed
Erik Cervantes, Town Resident

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE GALLERY:

Chairperson Teresa Hugill 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairperson Teresa Hugill led the pledge of allegiance.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

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Brad Hester (Jackpot resident) stated that he had just registered his vehicle and paid five hundred dollars, being that he is retired deputy he started noticing all the Idaho license plates in the town. He commented that if everybody wants the town to grow and incorporate than all the people living in the town should have Nevada license plates. The taxes are used to pay for the roads and Department of Transportation (DOT) services. He mentioned that he was at the food bank and noticed Idaho license plates there and the services provided are paid for by the State of Nevada or the town of Jackpot.

This issue has been happening for many years, but before deputies were allowed to write tickets and now the laws have changed. He understands that it's a pain and it's expensive, but if people live in Jackpot, they should be registering their vehicles in Nevada.

Chairperson Teresa Hugill commented that she's also had somebody bring this up to her.

Lyndsey Merryman (Jackpot resident) stated that she took her small child to the park and in her opinion the horseshu pits are always dangerous looking, but with the snow covering most of the rebar and only a piece sticking out she's worried that there could be an accident. She wonders if the area can be fenced or if something can be done about this to avoid any accidents.

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) stated that this is something that his department could take care of.

Hayden Horn (MMASV Racing) commented that he's working with Mr. Burt on this season's races. There will be a couple done at the airport and the rest will be on Pond Drive. He mentioned that they are working on grant and Mr. Burt has shown them a piece of land that they can use for a full-time drag strip the town. They have a high possibility of receiving it and they are hoping it will bring more commerce and tourism to the town.

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 he doesn't think or know of any power issues or bumps that they are aware of. This is good news. He mentioned that a cost of service study was done. The board of directors did decide that the system maintenance fee of twelve dollars and fifty cents per month for the Western Division need to increase and be even with the Eastern Division which charges twenty-two dollars and fifty cents. The increase will be done at a two dollar increase per month every year until 2027 to get the service maintenance fees to be even. This just on residential and small commercial accounts. The large commercial and industrial the rates will stay the same as the Eastern Division.

He mentioned that there is a scholarship for eligible high school seniors and whose parent's, or legal guardians are members of the co-op. There will be four two thousand dollar scholarships available. The student will need to fill out the application form correctly, it's not based on grades or any requirements. One student from Jackpot has already submitted the application. He encourages more to apply. Students can apply online on the Raft River website under the members, news, and community tab. There they will find more information, or the company can print some applications also. It's due April 1st and the drawing will be on April 12th. The scholarship can go towards any accredited university, college, junior college, technical or trade school. Once the student decides on the school the funds will be sent there.

Mr. Christensen commented that there is also the ICUA Youth Rally and they have never had a Jackpot student attend. It will be July 10-15 at the College of Idaho campus in Caldwell. The applications for this program will be due May 1st and this is for sophomores and juniors in high school. They need to apply online. The students will learn about leadership, teamwork, cooperation, communication skills, and the utility industry particularly public power. He mentioned that they usually take five to twelve children because they provide the transportation and there hasn't been anybody from Jackpot.

b. Nevada Health Center update.

Kerrie Preston (Jackpot Clinic Practice Manager) was absent, and Chairperson Teresa Hugill read report that Mrs. Preston emailed, "Please let them know that we have begun offering women's health services again and that Rachel Grant, APRN will be there monthly to see patients for women's care or to provide other services, her first visit was March 1st. If interested patients can call the clinic to schedule. Let me know if any questions come up."

c. Discussion and consideration to review, advertise, or make a recommendation to fill the vacant position(s) on the Town of Jackpot Advisory Board.
ACTION ITEM

Chairperson Teresa Hugill stated that this item would be tabled until the first meeting in April because she would like for her entire advisory board members to be present.

JACKPOT COMBINED SCHOOL
NON ACTION ITEM

1. Jackpot Combined School update.

No Comments.

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

Brent Fleshman (Jackpot Golf Course) was absent, but he emailed a report. Chairperson Teresa Hugill read the report: "Obviously, our normal early March opening will have quite a lengthy delay. Starting next week, we will begin snow removal off the putting greens and work on breaking down several of the huge drifts that have accumulated. Based upon current snow levels and the long term forecast, we might not see an opening until late March. The clubhouse made it through the winter in fine shape."

Thank you! Brent Fleshman

**JACKPOT TOURISM
NON ACTION ITEM**

1. Tourism’s operations update.

Theresa Dimmitt (Tourism) stated that the message board sign has been ordered and a location of where it will be placed is still to be determined. She mentioned that she’s working on grants through tourism to help with marketing outside of the town. This includes billboards, social media, and any other place that does advertising. Mrs. Dimmitt commented that she would like to have the commercial that was recorded a few years ago posted on social media. She hasn’t researched the cost of having it displayed in different areas. She would like it on the movie screens before the movie or the kiosk at the visitor center in Twin Falls.

Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board member) commented that it would be free to post on YouTube and it than can be linked to the website. Mrs. Dimmitt mentioned that it could also be on the website, but she needs find time in her schedule to work on this.

JACKPOT’S HELPING HANDS FOOD BANK & SERVICES

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

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot’s Helping Hands /Food Pantry & Senior Services) stated that the food pantry applications are increasing. One of the main goals is to bridge the gaps between the services offered in Elko County versus what people have available in the town. She is working on the details on how people in the town can participate in educational classes done in Elko without traveling there.

There will also be peer support groups because she’s talked to many people in the last weeks who are struggling due to the winter, transportation, financial issues or being stuck at home. The peer support group will be done on Wednesday’s so people can use the transit bus to take them to the Senior Center.

JACKPOT SENIOR CENTER

2. Senior Center operations update.

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot Senior Center) stated that Bingo and the Friday night poker games are still active. There are exercises and stretches for the seniors and there is a volunteer who is willing to do senior tax returns at no cost. This is only limited to seniors.

She mentioned that she’s almost done with the Medicare class so she can officially help and answer questions for those on Medicare.

She thanked Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) and the public work technicians for moving the Senior Center sign to the other facility and for food pickups in Wells. She appreciates them.

JACKPOT EVENTS

3. Event operations update.

Chairperson Teresa Hugill commented that Tara Norris (Jackpot Events Coordinator) went home sick. Ms. Norris wanted the board to look over the easter egg hunt flyer to make sure everything is correct. The board agreed that Ms. Norris could proceed with posting the flyer.

JACKPOT RECREATION CENTER

- A. Recreation Department operations update.
NON ACTION ITEM

Beth Lamb (Jackpot Aquatic Center) was present, but Lindsey Merryman relayed the report. She mentioned that the coach's clinic was being held at the recreation center on Friday and Saturday. There will be a swim meet on Saturday the 18th. There will be a birthday party on the 16th. The spring break activities are scheduled from April 3rd-6th and are on the Facebook page.

She mentioned that a man from Hawaii visits the facility yearly to swim and says that it's one of the best pools. He enjoyed the liner. The week of Feb 13th there were a total of forty-one people in the pool and fitness had seventy-four. Through the last three and a half weeks there have been six hundred and seven people through the doors, not including today. There was a week where everybody was sick and not many people used the fitness area, but the number of attendees in the last few weeks was high. They have deposited seven hundred eight dollars and fifty cents.

JACKPOT PUBLIC WORKS

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

Gustavo Estrada (Jackpot Public Works) stated that they have been busy plowing snow, cleaning ramps, and sidewalks only to do it again after more storms. They have also spread sand in those areas. They have done maintenance on their vehicles.

Mr. Estrada asks that people dispose of things where they belong because there is an area for motor oil, paint, tires, and a few other things. He commented that if an object doesn't fit in any category below the transfer station that it be put in the transfer station, and they will push it into the pit. There was a sewer plugged last week and they had to use the vac truck at the sewer ponds. The vac truck was also used at Loves because they were trying to expose the water lines and they were able to tie in their water lines to the town's system. Loves flushed out the lines today and it's being chlorinated. This needs to hold for twenty four hours and once it's flushed out, they will take a sample to Twin Falls. If the sample is negative, they will be good to go.

He mentioned that there was a water break at the Chevron to the main service. They dug it up and tore the sidewalk out. They fixed the issue, but they had to take it apart because there was dirt in the line, so they had to clean it and then they were able to get water to the Chevron. Loves brought them some joint concrete and they were able to fix the sidewalk. He thanked Acha for helping.

Mr. Estrada commented that they have picked up their trailer.

It's a forty foot fifth wheel trailer and so later in the following month they should be able to get their backhoe and they will be able to haul it wherever it's needed.

Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked if he knew when Progressive would be open again. Mr. Estrada stated that it's hard to tell, Loves is almost done tying the man whole to the sewer line and are now working on the storm drain. He thinks that will be going down to the pond. He commented that Loves did say it was going to be closed for three weeks, but the weather has caused a delay.

The board thanked Mr. Estrada and his team for plowing the roads and cleaning the sidewalks in the community.

JACKPOT SAFETY / FIRE

1. Jackpot Ambulance

- a. Jackpot Ambulance operations update.

Shelly Hester (Jackpot ambulance) stated that the previous month there were twenty-one calls, seven transports, and one of those transports was an air transport. They currently finishing up with getting all the renewals done.

2. Jackpot Fire Department

- a. Jackpot Fire Department operations update.

Randy Pingel (Jackpot Fire) stated that they had seventeen calls for the month of February and that it's business as usual.

Elko County Sheriff's Department

- a. Sheriff Office operations update.

Aitor Narvaiza (Elko County Sheriff) and Justin Ames (Elko County Undersheriff) were both absent. No report given.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

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 – February 23, 2023

Next Meeting Date – March 23, 2023

Motion: Monica Burt made a motion to accept the minutes for the Jackpot Advisory Board Meeting for the date February 23, 2023, and the next meeting date for the Jackpot Advisory Board Meeting for the date of March 23, 2023, seconded by Monique Gollihar. Motion passed.

VOTE:

Aye: Bruce Ririe
Teresa Hugill
Monica Burt
Monique Gollihar

Nay:

Absent:

Abstain

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF COMMENTS

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Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board member) commented that she hopes to have Census information for the next meeting. She stated that she would be absent for the Advisory Board meeting on April thirteenth, so Chairperson Teresa Hugill commented that they would discuss and vote on a candidate to fill the vacancy on the board at the meeting on March twenty-third.

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) stated he and Betty Marquez (Jackpot admin) sat in a meeting with Amanda Osbourne (County manager), county attorney, commissioners, zoning, and a few others to discuss the town. He commented that there is a contractor who is interested in the development of the property and there is also the housing people that he's working with and they are trying to get them to work together. The RFP won't be going out to bid, if they are interested in this there will be an agreement made. This is going to be a process because there are still negotiations and things that need to be done. He presented the list of names to Elko.

Monique Gollihar (Jackpot Advisory Board member) commented that she had another list of names and that everybody she's talked to has been interested in buying. Mr. Burt mentioned that all this was talked about in the meeting. He commented that Mrs. Burt has a friend who is willing to do construction work in Jackpot with a Nevada license.

He stated that he needs to get the information of those people who have been pre-approved for a home loan so he can forward that information. He commented that he had a busy schedule because the following week he is gone, then back for a week, then gone again, then back, and then he's gone again. He will be taking all of his final budget things to Reno and working on them because there is a pre-budget meeting on March twentieth with Susan Paprocki (Elko Comptroller). If anybody needs to add items, please let the clerk know and she will relay the information to him.

Chairperson Teresa Hugill thanked the public works department for traveling to get the food. She appreciates them and she's heard that the sidewalks are cleared off and people are thankful. She also expressed her appreciation for the fire department and everybody who is starting to attend the meetings.

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James (Brother Speed Motorcycle Club) stated that last August they were allowed to use the airport strip to race. They are hoping to do it again this year because they had a blast. They felt well received by the community and they had a great time. They were grateful for the reception that they were given. There was around four hundred people and not a single incident that directly involved them. This is unheard of, and they are hoping to continue this relationship.

Erik Cervantes (Café Blanca) stated that most of the Brother Speed Motorcycle Club stayed at the Four Jacks Hotel last August and they also stayed at the West Star, Cactus Petes, and Barton's. He commented that he had positive interactions with this group, and they even offered to help around restaurant. The property outside wasn't left a mess and neither were the rooms or bar area. He would gladly have them back in the town because events like this help everybody in the town.

ADJOURN

Motion: Monica Burt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Monique Gollihar. Motion passed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.