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JACKPOT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, January 12, 2023

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 January 12, 2023, in meeting room of the Jackpot Admin Building, Jackpot, Nevada.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Teresa Hugill
Bruce Ririe
Monica Burt

Absent:

Others Present: Shawn Burt, Jackpot Public Works Superintendent
Gustavo Estrada, Public Works Lead
Theresa Dimmitt, Jackpot Helping Hands, Tourism, & SC
Brian Hugill, Jackpot Fire Chief
Lyndsey Merryman, Jackpot Recreation Center
Katie Estrada, Jackpot Combined School
Tony Thiele, Jackpot Combined School
Mike Christensen, Raft River Electric
Andrea Scott, Raft River Electric

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 Fireworks) stated that the Christmas fireworks was a good show, easy setup, and clean up. He commented that all the shells went off and he got many positive comments about the show.

The board thanked Mr. Hester and acknowledged their appreciation.

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 in the last couple months there has been one outage in the town on Gurley Drive. It was caused by a squirrel and there were a few customers who lost power. The lineman took care of the issue and did some bird proofing. This is the only issue that they are aware of unless anybody has something to comment.

He mentioned that they have a new service agreement with the Loves Travel Stop along with several new customers due to a property changing hands. He stated that Andrea Scott (Raft River Electric) is in the finance department and can answer any questions that people may have. There are many benefits in being part of a co-op and some may not be aware. He commented that they have energy assistance applications that they have left with the clerk for those who may need them. He believes that most people have transferred over their accounts.

Chairperson Teresa Hugill asked the clerk if everybody has been transferred over to Raft River. The clerk stated that she believed everybody was. Chairperson Hugill stated that the board appreciates all the work Raft River does.

Mr. Christensen commented that they appreciated being a part of the Christmas parade and they enjoyed the celebration. Chairperson Hugill thanked them for their participation and for the hats that they handed out.

- b. Nevada Health Center update.

Kerrie Preston (Jackpot Clinic Practice Manager) stated that there will be a new woman's health provider. She is based in Wendover and will be starting March first. She will be in Jackpot the first Wednesday of every month and an appointment can be set through the clinic. Mrs. Preston will also be sending flyers with this information. The provider's name is Rachel Grant, and she is a nurse practitioner with over twenty-five years of experience. The clinic will now have a full staff on that first Wednesday of the month when Skylar is working from home via telehealth.

Chairperson Teresa Hugill asked about the hours that the new practitioner would be working. Mrs. Preston stated that she will be at the clinic from 9am to 4pm. Chairperson Hugill asked that those flyers be posted on the town website when they are received.

- c. Discussion and consideration to approve incorporating the sweet water system into the town system.

ACTION ITEM

Corey Rice (Elko County Surveyor & Senior Planner) stated that essentially Shoshone Water who owns the Sweet water system wants to turn over that system to the Jackpot Public Works. The staff recommends that the board recommend approval by the county commissioners that will be heard by the commissioners next Wednesday.

Chairperson Teresa Hugill asked what this would entail.

Mr. Rice stated that Jackpot would take over the well and the entire system. There has been some discussion of maybe extending the Jackpot water system in that area and connecting to the Sweet water system and maybe abandoning that well and moving the water rights out of that existing well to another town well. The town would need to take possession of that system before anything can be done.

Chairperson Hugill asked if that would allow for better access to the town water for anything that is built in between. Mr. Rice stated that yes, if the main line gets connected it will open up some opportunities.

Motion: Bruce Ririe made a motion to recommend approval to incorporate the sweet water system into the town system, seconded by Monica. Motion passed.

VOTE:

Aye: Bruce Ririe
Teresa Hugill
Monica Burt

Nay:

Absent:

Abstain:

- d. 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 meeting on January 26, 2023, because there are currently two vacant positions. This will also give any of those interested to submit their applications.

- e. Discussion and consideration to accept the funding awarded by NDEP in the amount of \$139,800 dollars and approve the expending of those funds toward engineering fees for a new well and water tank.

ACTION ITEM

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) stated that Nevada Department of Environmental Protection (NDEP) is giving the town the funding to contract an engineering firm to do all the studies and engineering designs for the new well and storage facility for Jackpot.

This is priority and has to be done before the project of getting another well and more storage can be funded.

Mr. Burt commented that from his understanding the funds won't need to be paid back and there is no match. Amanda Osbourne (Elko County manager) asked if this was for the preliminary engineering report (PER) to which Mr. Burt responded with a yes. He commented that the board needs to approve the spending of the funds and then the county commissioners will also need to approve it the following week. The funding was awarded to the town and there is a list of what the funds will cover.

Mrs. Osbourne asked if the town had an engineer already. Mr. Burt stated that no and that they had Shane Hilderbran give them a rough idea, but it wasn't acceptable. He commented that an engineer needs to be contracted and that's what the funding would be used for.

Motion: Monica Burt made a motion to accept the funding awarded by NDEP and approve the expending of those funds toward engineering fees for a new well and water tank, seconded by Bruce Ririe. Motion passed.

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

**JACKPOT COMBINED SCHOOL
NON ACTION ITEM**

1. Jackpot Combined School update.

Katie Estrada (Jackpot Combined School) thanked the town for the Christmas trees provided so that the children could decorate. The children had so much fun, and the parents were excited to see them on display.

She mentioned on that on January 31st the school will host "Graphic Novel Night" and on February 8th it will be "Robotics Night." These events will both be from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. There will be many activities for the children and parents.

The cheerleaders and athletic department have asked her to promote "Senior Night" which will be on February 4th. The girls will play at 3:30pm and the boys at 5pm, but in between the games the seniors will be honored, and they will be giving their parents a rose. The school would like to have everybody attend and show their support.

Anthony Thiele (Jackpot Combined School Business Teacher) stated that he's been in Jackpot for eight years and eleven years in the Elko School District. In addition to teaching at the school he also advises the "Future Business Leaders of America" Chapter. There were twenty-five extra students on campus from Elko and Wells (FBLA) to share ideas on how to recruit for their chapters. Jackpot Combined School is lucky to have the Eastern Region Vice-President Nadia Jack. She was elected statewide to that post, and it covers Northern Nevada which has never happened in Jackpot. The school is very proud of Nadia and the responsibility's she's got.

He mentioned that the size of the community is a challenge when trying to raise funds for the children to go to the State Business Leadership Conference. The cost is about \$350.00 dollars per student to attend. This year the conference will be in Las Vegas and it's a statewide competition of a variety of seventy business events (Digital to accounting.) The Jackpot Chapter does pretty well when considering they compete against many of the technical academies in Las Vegas.

Mr. Thiele stated that it's a pleasure to teach in Jackpot because of the children. The children are wonderful and there are great opportunities for them. He commented that if anybody had any fundraising ideas, he would love to hear them.

Chairperson Teresa Hugill asked how many children are in (FBLA). Mr. Thiele stated that there are twenty-seven full members that are eligible and not all of them may decide to go. They still need to decide which events they would like to sign up for and they can sign up for a max of five events.

Chairperson Hugill commented that she and one other board member would be going to the school to visit with Stormi McCarthy (Jackpot Combined School Principal.)

Matthew Merryman (Jackpot resident) stated that the chapter should reach out to the community to see if they could sponsor a child.

1. Golf Course operations update.
NON ACTION ITEM

The golf course is closed.

JACKPOT TOURISM
NON ACTION ITEM

1. Tourism's operations update.

Theresa Dimmitt (Tourism) stated that the entire funds for the message board have been received and are in the bank. The town is waiting on the permits, the location, and all the other details to be finalized before the process continues. She mentioned that the next recreation board meeting would be in the Spring.

The town website is being updated with events that she is asked to put on the website. Chairperson Theresa Hugill asked about the website and Mrs. Dimmitt stated that it's going well, and she hasn't heard about any complaints regarding it. Chairperson Hugill asked if Mrs. Dimmitt could see how many people have visited the website. Mrs. Dimmitt stated that she couldn't, but she would reach out to CivicPlus to see if there was something they could see. She commented that she has the commercial that was filmed a couple years ago and would like to post it on social media and the website.

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 they have been busy especially since rents have increased along with other things. There have been more people signing up for the food pantry. She commented that the food pantry has been approved for **TFAP** which means more food, but there are qualifying factors.

She mentioned that Bonnie Yoman (Helping Hands volunteer) and herself had a meeting with the Food Bank of Northern Nevada who has received a large grant for rural Nevada. They also had a meeting with Elko County to represent Jackpot and they came up with three different ways that could benefit the food pantry: 1) having a truck deliver the food to the facility, 2) buying the program a truck and having the pantry hire a driver, 3) a building with a kitchen to make meals for the seniors or those struggling. These are just a few ideas, and they are still waiting for more information.

She commented that with all the volunteer's help they have been able to keep up with the demand of people needing help in person or over the phone. The non-profit also needs to find more funding sources.

Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked Mrs. Dimmitt if she could help people with the WIC application or only Medicaid? Mrs. Dimmitt stated that she hasn't done a WIC application, but she is qualified to do it. She mentioned that she can also help people renew their registration online and when she helps somebody with SNAP that time can be reimbursed.

Chairperson Hugill asked if Mrs. Dimmitt was still receiving clothes and Mrs. Dimmitt stated that no. She commented that there are some clothes, but those are on an emergency cases only and not a full clothes closet.

JACKPOT SENIOR CENTER

2. Senior Center operations update.

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot Senior Center) stated that the senior center is doing well. There have been good comments regarding its new location. She commented that Jeff Young (Jackpot resident) still plays live music and there is a nice feel about the new place compared to before. The poker game is going strong which was one of her goals in order to fit into the multi-generational heading that most successful senior centers have. The age range is fourteen to ninety-two and everybody interacts. This group also plays bingo together.

She commented that the transit bus is operational and has done its first trip to Twin Falls. There were two people who paid cash for the trip.

Chairperson Teresa Hugill mentioned that people are excited for the service.

Mrs. Dimmitt stated that Samantha (Bus Driver) is doing an excellent job. Once more people are aware of the service there will be more riding the bus. There are brochures and business cards along with the service being advertised on the website and Facebook.

JACKPOT EVENTS

3. Event operations update.

Tara Norris (Jackpot Events Coordinator) was absent. No report given.

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 stated that they have had a good turnout with people using the pool. The teachers from Jackpot Combined School are doing water aerobics. There is always a good turnout for the fitness area and the school also uses the facility to work out or for cheer practice.

She mentioned that they mailed a deposit of five hundred and twenty-nine dollars and fifty-five cents to Elko and a check for fifteen hundred was received from the lighting people and they had a second deposit for three hundred and twenty dollars.

Mrs. Merryman stated that she enjoyed her job and being able to meet everyone who visits the facility.

Chairperson Teresa Hugill thanked the recreation center for hosting the Christmas party.

JACKPOT PUBLIC WORKS

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

Gustavo Estrada (Jackpot Public Works) stated that they installed the Christmas decorations around town and took them down. They added power for the senior area in the public works building and added some extra lighting where the cooking is done. They are finishing the water truck. They helped setup for the Christmas Party and have been busy plowing the streets and sidewalks. He mentioned that they got a snow blower for the bobcat and have done some cleaning with it. They have also used their dump trailer on Gurley because it's harder to do with so many cars on the streets and it helped quite a bit.

He commented that they have finished some maintenance on their vehicles, and they have finished upgrading the water and sewer callout system. They have been doing some GPS mapping for the water and sewer system. They also continue to do the food pickups twice a month for the food pantry.

Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked who took care of the sidewalks on highway 93. Mr. Estrada stated that his department does, but sometimes the businesses do it on their own. He stated that somebody usually plows with a four-wheeler, but it gets difficult once it freezes over.

JACKPOT SAFETY / FIRE

1. **Jackpot Ambulance**

- a. Jackpot Ambulance operations update.

Shelly Hester (Jackpot ambulance) stated that for the month of November they had thirty-one calls and thirteen of those were transports. In the month of December, they had seventeen calls and eight of those were transports. She wasn't able to get a 2022 total from the Elko County ambulance, but she will keep trying. Mrs. Hester mentioned that the Chevy ambulance is still in the shop, so they have been using 2008 Dodge as the primary unit and on a trip to Jarbidge the check gauges light turned on, than all gauges were normal, once they returned to the town the lights flickered. They thought it was an issue with the battery and so Brian Hugill (Jackpot Fire Chief) and Jose both worked on it and resolved the problem. This vehicle was taken on a call and other equipment was needed so Mr. Hugill returned to the station for the other backup vehicle and equipment, but first he took care of the fire from the alternator. The patient never knew anything happened and received care. Everything has now been repaired and is operating. There is a third ambulance in the town from Elko that can be used until the other unit is returned.

2. **Jackpot Fire Department**

- a. Jackpot Fire Department operations update.

Brian Hugill (Jackpot Fire Chief) stated that he and Matt would be working on a yearend report. He mentioned that Jose Castañeda has been working in the Fire Department for over a year now and has completed his probation. The Fire Department has a new full-time employee Brandon Martinez and Randy Pingle will also be joining the department. There will now be four full-time personnel along with the part-time help. Business will be a lot better now since there will be four full-time employees who will be able to rotate the shifts and allow for days off. The coverage will help with the ISO rating.

He mentioned that the first engine 96 Spartan is going out of service due to finding parts to repair it, so it needs to be replaced. He and Matt have found one and there are funds for it. There is one hundred and seventy thousand dollars in the budget and the one engine he is looking at isn't going to cost that much. It will be 2002 or 2003 Pierce refurbished unit. This is something that he will present to the board, and it will also go to the budget committee.

Mr. Hugill commented that permitting for the races should be ready to be presented within the next two or three weeks. He stated that on July 15, 2023, there will be mud drag race in honor of Genie Seal and this should attract many people. He mentioned that with his full-time and part-time staff they will be able to cover the races and things happening in the town.

Elko County Sheriff's Department

- a. Sheriff Office operations update.

Aitor Narvaiza (Elko County Sheriff) was absent. Justin Ames (Elko County Undersheriff) relayed the report, they have implemented many large programs with the sheriff's office over the last year. There are the mobile dispatch computers in all the sheriff's vehicles which aide with efficiency.

They are struggling with keeping up with the demand for calls just like any other department. The calls for service are increasing in the year 2021 there were 1500 call and in 2022 there were over 1700 calls for service, and 2023 has already started with a high number of calls.

The sheriff's department has just hired three new people, two of whom will start in the jail, and they hope one of them will be stationed in Jackpot if everything works out. This person's FTO will start on January 30th. He's excited to be in Jackpot and has some experience working with Las Vegas Metro.

There are more programs that they have finalized and are operating well. They have a fully functional less lethal program in place especially with all the mental health issues there are in the country. They purchased AR-15's for all the deputies and have switched those to a long gun platform and all the shot guns into less lethal programs. They have used the less lethal approach on a call already and it turned out to be effective.

The jail capacity is overwhelmed, the normal capacity is two hundred eleven people if everything is going well, and things aren't going well. There are many issues with fentanyl usage and it's causing many mental patients being brought into the jail along with violent people. They used to be able to send violent people to the Nevada Department of Corrections in Carson City because their facility is built and staffed for it, but the sheriff's office received a letter that stated that the Carson facility would no longer be accepting violent inmates from the sheriff's department. The capacity is now one hundred forty.

He commented that they have a forced medical program made up of an administrator (Aitor Narvaiza, Sheriff), or himself, along with the doctor and mental health provider in order to force medicate people because without their medication they are extremely violent.

Undersheriff Ames stated that there are four officers in the town and he's glad that one of the officers has been able to do some of the proactive things that the sheriff's office ultimately wants to have happen. He commented that Elko is so busy with calls for service and trying to get reports generated. The mental health issue is affecting the deputies so much that a few months ago they had to speak with a crew because they ended up going to three suicides in one single day. Elko isn't the small town it once was and there are big city crimes happening. There is also the problem with not having enough employees.

He mentioned that he's received complaints about Jackpot being a speed trap and this tells him that the deputies are doing their job. He and Sheriff Narvaiza have also received calls regarding the deputies in the town doing a good job. He thinks the sheriff's office is doing pretty well overall considering they had some turnover.

Undersheriff Ames commented that all those in the department now have cell phones because attorneys were starting to pursue personal cell phones. He stated that it's not the most fun job at this time, but he's proud of the communities they support especially because the communities are appreciative.

Chairperson Teresa Hugill stated that she appreciated seeing the deputies in the community and at the events. The deputies have also helped many people in the town and have also pulled people over that are speeding through the town.

Bruce Ririe (Jackpot Advisory Board member) mentioned that there have been many housing concerns in the last little while, but the deputies have been great in assisting.

Mr. Ririe asked about the protocol regarding abandoned vehicles. Mr. Ames stated that he would let Lieutenant Fisher know about the issue. The deputies need to start marking them and adding them to the cad system to record how long they have been in that area abandoned before they can be towed. He asked Mr. Ririe to email him the information because he saves and prioritizes his emails.

Mr. Ames commented that the sheriff's office also has a full functioning detention response team, and they are also replacing many things to get rid of shank material.

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 – October 27, 2022 & November 10, 2022

Next Meeting Date – January 26, 2023

Motion: Monica Burt made a motion to accept the minutes for the Jackpot Advisory Board Meeting for the date October 27, 2022, and November 10, 2022, and the next meeting date for the Jackpot Advisory Board Meeting for the date of January 26, 2023, seconded by Monica Burt. Motion passed.

VOTE:

Aye:	Bruce Ririe
	Teresa Hugill
	Monica Burt
Nay:	
Absent:	
Abstain	

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF COMMENTS

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Monica Burt (Jackpot Advisory Board member) stated that she's personally having a hard time trying to get a Nevada licensed HVAC or plumbing provider, so it isn't surprising that it's also hard to get contractors. She's contacted people in Elko, and they are too busy, it's too far, or it's too expensive for a service call. It would be nice if there were an emergency variance so that services could be provided by people from Twin Falls who are licensed.

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) stated that Sheldon Mudd (Economic Development) and his department are trying to identify red zone areas and Jackpot along with a few other communities are classified as red zones. Mr. Mudd and his department created a draft detailing all the hardships that red zone areas face and will be submitting it to the governor in hopes that it is dealt with because it would benefit many communities.

Mr. Burt stated that Mr. Mudd is working hard on these issues. He mentioned that Jackpot isn't the only community hurting for housing there is also Ely and West Wendover. He commented that all the four heaters at the shop stopped working and the only provider he was able to get to drive to Jackpot and repair them wasn't licensed in the state, but they needed to be repaired. He stated that the companies that did have the license stopped renewing because it's difficult to work in Nevada and others aren't trying to pursue it.

Amanda Osbourne (Elko County Manager) commented that there was a press release from the governor where he's talking about reciprocity for licensing in general and she believes it will be a priority for the governor.

Mr. Burt stated that he hopes this does happen because he personally feels that communities like Jackpot in the state of Nevada are being brushed off.

Mr. Burt thanked the staff, community, and board for the last year, everybody came together, and he appreciates that.

Bruce Ririe (Jackpot Advisory Board member) thanked the public works team for their work especially with the winter conditions.

Chairperson Hugill commented that she appreciates the public works department especially because she doesn't think they get enough credit for all their work. She thanked Brad Hester for the fireworks, Tara for events, and everybody who works with the community. She thanked everybody for their attendance, and she appreciates their presence, it amazes her to see how the town is changing.

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ADJOURN

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.