



TOWN OF JACKPOT, NEVADA ADVISORY BOARD

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JACKPOT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, April 13, 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 April 13, 2023, in the meeting room of the Jackpot Administration Building, Jackpot, Nevada.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Teresa Hugill
Monique Gollihar
Jeff Young

Absent: Bruce Ririe
Monica Burt

Others Present: Gustavo Estrada, Public Works Lead
Theresa Dimmitt, Jackpot Helping Hands, Tourism, & SC
Brian Hugill, Jackpot Fire
Shelly Hester, Ambulance
Beth Lamb, Jackpot Recreation Center
Mike Christensen, 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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There were no public 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 was one power bump that they knew of on the third of April at ten thirty in the morning. They saw it on the meters at the substation and it was on the Idaho Power side, so they don't know exactly what it was.

He mentioned that the annual meeting was held the previous night and there were uncontested board members along with others that resigned, and so new board members have been added. There was a drawing for four two thousand dollar scholarships available to seniors and Ray Perez from Jackpot won. The ICUA Youth Rally is available for sophomores and juniors. It will be an all-expense paid trip. It will be a weeklong trip July 10th through the 15th. The students will visit the College of Idaho and the state capital. They usually go to Roaring Springs, and they will also learn about power companies and how they operate.

Chairperson Teresa Hugill asked about the amount of students they take. Mr. Christensen stated that they have taken five and as many as fourteen. The application for the rally needs to be turned in by May 1st.

The town clerk asked if the students would need to find a ride to a certain spot in order to meet with the other students from Raft River. Mr. Christensen stated that the students would be bussed or sent in big vans to the conference from the Raft River School, but there could be arrangements made if there is participation from the Jackpot students. There are currently six children signed up from Raft River High School to go and they have never had anybody from Jackpot or Owyhee. This has been sent to the school. He thinks that this is a good opportunity.

He mentioned that Raft River usually does a cleanup in May in conjunction with the town and they would like to schedule this. Chairperson Hugill stated that they would figure out a date that will work for both the town and Raft River.

- b. Nevada Health Center update.

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

- c. Discussion and consideration to approve having the second advisory board meeting on the last Tuesday of each month.

ACTION ITEM

Chairperson Teresa Hugill stated that the idea behind changing the second meeting from Thursday to Tuesday is to see if it would make it easier for members of the community to attend either meeting.

Jeff Young (Jackpot Advisory Board member) mentioned that his only concern is that several years ago they tried changing the meeting date to a Wednesday and attendance dropped and so they changed it back to Thursdays, granted there was only one meeting at the time. He thinks that since there are two meetings now this is a good idea.

Monique Gollihar commented that on average people have Monday through Wednesday off and this would allow them to be able to attend a meeting.

Motion: Jeff Young made a motion to move the second meeting to Tuesday, seconded by Monique Gollihar. Motion passed.

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

Mr. Young asked if the second meeting date change would be starting this month. Chairperson Hugill stated that yes and it would be mentioned further down in the agenda.

**JACKPOT COMBINED SCHOOL
NON ACTION ITEM**

- 1. Jackpot Combined School update.

There were no comments.

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

Brent Fleshman (Jackpot Golf Club) stated that the golf course opened the previous weekend. They removed some of the snow from the car pass and greens. He's driven the course twice and walked on the putting greens. It came out of the winter good. He's looking forward to successful conditions. They will be turning on the water the following week and will be repairing any leaks that there may be. He mentioned that Dean Doren worked at the golf course for many years, and he left the golf course for four years and is now back. The main staff will be returning, and they are all waiting for warm weather. There are no leaks in the club house, and it looks good. He is excited to see how the frisbee golf area works.

Chairperson Teresa Hugill asked if they have talked about price.

Mr. Fleshman stated that they will be meeting the following week to go over details and rules. The frisbee golf area won't affect the golf course too much, frisbee golf is a slower paced game. He asks that people aren't out there playing when there are money prize golf tournaments.

**JACKPOT'S HELPING HANDS FOOD BANK & SERVICES/
JACKPOT TOURISM/ JACKPOT SENIOR CENTER
NON ACTION ITEMS**

1. Jackpot's Helping Hands Food Bank and Services update.

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot Helping Hands) stated that there will be peer support groups in late May. The Department of Health and Welfare (Medicare/SNAP) will be dropping many of their clients who had been approved during covid. There is an incline of people signing up for the food pantry and other services. She mentioned that the public work guys who pick up the food every other week are doing an amazing job. She's looking forward to the weather being better since they do the drive to Wells. She and her team are working diligently on getting Sparks Nevada Food Bank to deliver the food to Jackpot in order to eliminate the trip to Wells.

Chairperson Teresa Hugill asked Mrs. Dimmitt if the people who have asked for help live in the town or if they live outside of the town. She's had people comment that there have been people from Twin Falls picking up food boxes. Mrs. Dimmitt stated that the majority of people who pick up food are residents of the town and there is only one person that she knows of from Rogerson or the Hollister area. She mentioned that it isn't against the rules for those people to receive food. People can't be denied food because they don't live in Jackpot. (People from California drive to Reno or Sparks to get food.)

2. Tourism's operations update.

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot Tourism) stated that there have been over two hundred sixty seven views on the website. She's currently at the Nevada Rural Roundup in Mesquite. Jackpot is part of Cowboy Country Territory, and they are working in groups to improve tourism in the area. There are grants that will be available between now and early May. There will be rural marketing grant opportunities and those funds can be used to advertise the video that was made of the town.

Chairperson Teresa Hugill asked about the marquee. Mrs. Dimmitt stated that it's going through the permitting process. Once the permit is approved the company will install it. Gustavo Estrada (Jackpot Lead Public Works Tech) commented that Corey Rice (Elko County Senior Surveyor/Planner) is working on it, and it will be located on Barton's Club 93 property next to the golf course sign. Jeff Young (Jackpot Advisory Board member) commented that the last thing he heard was that it was in the zoning process and once that was taken care of Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) would be meeting with him to look at the location. Mr. Estrada stated that he wasn't aware of the timeframe that this would take.

3. Senior Center operations update.

Theresa Dimmitt (Senior Center) stated that there has been an increase in attendance. There are wellness checks twice a month with somebody from the Fire Department when there are people who have signed up for the service. They are trying to get seniors involved to go on road trips to visit other senior centers in the Twin Falls or Filer area.

The bingo and poker groups are both growing steadily. She thanked Jeff Young (Jackpot Advisory Board member) and his friends who play live music. The senior center and Jackpot Helping Hands are working together on education classes on Type 1 and 2 Diabetes and healthy life choices. They connect with Elko or Spring Creek viz Zoom for these classes. They have done these classes twice and they are fun and educational.

JACKPOT EVENTS
NON ACTION ITEM

1. Event operations update.

Tara Norris (Jackpot Events Coordinator) was absent. Chairperson Teresa Hugill stated that from her understanding the Easter Egg hunt went well.

JACKPOT RECREATION CENTER
NON ACTION ITEM

- A. Recreation Department operations update.

Beth Lamb (Jackpot Aquatic Center) stated that they have had three pool birthday parties, one in February and two in March. There are a few couples that are renting the facility to do game nights every other week. There will be a wedding on Friday.

She mentioned that she was curious about how the recreation center was doing in 2022 compared to 2023. The information is as follows:

January 2022

42 used the pool, 231 in fitness, 108 in other, and 95 school students for a total of 476 people.

January 2023

70 used the pool, 395 in fitness, 190 in other, and 168 school students for a total of 823 people. The difference between January 2022 and January 2023 was 347 people.

February 2022

62 used the pool, 268 in fitness, 97 in other, and 31 school students for a total of 458 people.

February 2023

69 used the pool, 340 in fitness, 137 in other, and 130 school students for a total of 676 people. The difference between February 2022 and February 2023 was 218 people.

March 2022

39 used the pool, 318 in fitness, 140 in other, and - school students for a total of 497 people.

March 2023

198 used the pool (pool parties/swim meet), 360 in fitness, 568 in other, and 98 school students for a total of 1224 people. The difference between March 2022 and March 2023 was 727 people.

People are using the fitness center and in June Elko is planning to do a swim meet at the recreation center.

Chairperson Teresa Hugill thanked Ms. Lamb for the information and expressed her appreciation because it's nice to see the usage especially since people talked about closing it.

Ms. Lamb stated that it would've been a bad idea, plus the cost of the liner has made a huge difference because swim meets can now be done, many people can be in the pool at once, and there can be pool parties. Chairperson Hugill stated that many people talk about the liner and the difference it has made in the pool. Ms. Lamb stated that it's nice and everything has been worth it.

JACKPOT PUBLIC WORKS NON ACTION ITEM

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

Gustavo Estrada (Jackpot Public Works) stated that they have had a lot of trouble with the birds nesting at night in the transfer station, so they installed about one thousand spikes on the ceiling to keep them off the beams and walls. This has helped with the mess on the floor. They cleaned the streets after having all the snow melt. They installed two out the three 15mph flashing light speed zone signs and the third one on Progressive this week. He thanked Acha for the concrete. The water truck is finished, and they will start using it around town once it warms up. They ordered one thousand gallons of chlorine to put in the wells, so they are ready to go for the summer. They fixed one of the wells at the golf course, added a new roof, and insulated it a bit better. The baby swing at the park was replaced. The exterior lights on the north side of the recreation center building were repaired. The road headed to the ranch was washed out due to the flooding, so they went out to fix it. They also worked around the shop area because it's all dirt surrounding it and the equipment is in the dirt. He mentioned that Idaho Material issued a new quote for the walking trail. Chairperson Teresa Hugill asked about the amount of the quote. Mr. Estrada stated that he thinks it's over ninety-seven thousand dollars for the pavement and materials. The public works department will have to do the work.

Jeff Young (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked about the location of the walking trail. Mr. Estrada stated that it would start on the east side of the park towards the soccer field, turn and go towards the frisbee golf area, go into the golf course a bit, and come out, than go towards where Shawn used to live. It will be a mile long. Mr. Young asked if Mr. Estrada knew when the road by Loves would be open. He stated that it's hard to tell because they are trying to do the sidewalk now and they are only getting one concrete truck a day and the weather doesn't help either. They would like the sidewalk to be done prior to having the road accessible to the public.

JACKPOT SAFETY / FIRE NON ACTION ITEMS

1. **Jackpot Ambulance**
 - a. Jackpot Ambulance operations update.

Shelly Hester (Jackpot ambulance) stated that the previous month there were twenty-two calls, nine of those were transports.

2. Jackpot Fire Department

- a. Jackpot Fire Department operations update.

Brian Hugill (Jackpot Fire Chief) stated that they had a total of twenty-nine calls total, a couple car accidents and false alarms. They completed the painting and fixing the interior of the fire department. He mentioned that one person tested for their EMT, and they will know the results in the morning. He commented that it's budget time and he would like to remind the board that the fire department needs to replace engine 2 and there is money for it in the budget. Chairperson Teresa Hugill asked if he's been looking around for apparatuses. He stated that he has, and that the unit will be used since there isn't a million dollars available to spend.

Elko County Sheriff's Department **NON ACTION ITEM**

- a. Sheriff Office operations update.

Deputy Sevier (Elko County Deputy) stated that the department didn't have any information to report, but they would like to know if there are events that will require the sheriff's office participation. Lt. Fischer will be starting a schedule and the town needs to make sure that any event requiring deputy's is on schedule. Chairperson Teresa Hugill asked who he would like the information sent to, him or Lt. Fischer. Deputy Sevier asked that they both receive this information to avoid any miscommunication. Lt. Fisher's email is dfisher@elkocountynv.net Chairperson Hugill commented that as people apply for permits the sheriff's office will be notified also. He stated that this would be helpful because they don't have a full staff and they could lose some people if they aren't careful in other locations.

Chairperson Hugill expressed her appreciation for the deputies especially because they have been seen pulling people over and patrolling the town, and residents are noticing and commenting on the difference.

Deputy Sevier commented that he had a few questions regarding the flashing light speed signs and if the times could be adjusted. Gustavo Estrada (Jackpot Public Works) stated they could and that they would set up a time to make the changes.

Deputy Sevier mentioned that people still drive near the construction road, and he tries to stop them. He has also contacted the construction company about their signs being left in a manner that isn't appropriate and it puts them at risk of liability. It usually takes the company no more than ten minutes to get things resolved. He commented that they suggested that they have somebody at night keeping an eye on things because he's only one set of eyes and he can't keep track of everything. He isn't sure about what they have decided regarding this.

He asked about the deputy's involvement in the town clean up. Chairperson Hugill stated that the deputies drive around and watch the pedestrians. This is normally done on a Wednesday because the school children would get out early and it needs to be planned with Raft River because they host a BBQ.

**JACKPOT SUPERINTENDENT
NON ACTION ITEM**

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) was absent, Betty Marquez (Jackpot Admin) relayed the information. The housing project is moving forward with Eric Latin, it will be done three phases and there isn't a start time yet.

**CORRESPONDENCE REPORT AND OTHER ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:
NON ACTION ITEM**

1. Discussion and consideration of received 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 – February 23, 2023
(This material is available upon request.)

Next Meeting Date – April 25, 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 April 25, 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:
NON ACTION ITEM**

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Jeff Young (Jackpot Advisory Board member) commented that he was happy to be back on the board.

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NON ACTION ITEM**

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Matthew Merryman (Jackpot town resident) stated that he is an aspiring veteran advocate for the town.

He is three quarters of the way in the veteran advocacy training, and he has been in contact with the Nevada Department of Veteran Services about his training and the next steps in his training. Once he completes the training, they will release Nevada state benefit materials to him. He will have many different brochures, such as, Veteran Employment Service/Nevada Job Connect and others with helpful information. He's talked with Beth Lamb (Jackpot Recreation Center) and Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot Helping Hands) about having his contact information at their facilities.

He was hoping to have a set date and time at the end of the previous month to start meeting with people formally, but without finishing the training he can't meet with people officially. He knows that there have been inquiries about DD214 forms, and he can help guide people on the right path. He commented that he would like to talk to the M.A.S.V people about being able to set up a booth during their events to inform people about the benefits available. This will be focused on Nevada residents, but he would like to connect with the CSI Veteran Advocacy program to see what is necessary to get Idaho certifications or qualifications to help those in Idaho since Jackpot is a border town.

He mentioned that towards Veteran's Day he would like to pair with the school and get them engaged with military members through non-profit organizations that have the ability and sense to reach out to sponsor a soldier on deployment. These are ideas that he has in the works. He mentioned that he had some information to share with Theresa, but he would like to do that in person. The goal is to have some set hours at Helping Hands at the end of this month or the beginning of the next one to be able to sit down with people as a qualified official.

**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
Nay:
Absent: Bruce Ririe
Monica Burt
Abstain:

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.