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**JACKPOT ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

THURSDAY, March 10, 2022

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 10, 2022, in the meeting room of the Jackpot Senior Center Building, Jackpot, Nevada.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Teresa Hugill
Shawn Mathis
Bruce Ririe
Alex Torrero

Absent: Monica Burt

Others Present: Shawn Burt, Jackpot Public Works Superintendent
Gustavo Estrada, Jackpot Public Works
Brian Hugill, Jackpot Fire Department
Shelly Hester, Jackpot Ambulance
Kristi Wells, Jackpot Fire Department
Kaylee Shields, Jackpot Tourism
Theresa Dimmitt, Jackpot’s Helping Hands & Services
Beth Lamb, Jackpot Recreation Center
Mike Christensen, Raft River Electric
Jason Harper, Raft River Electric
John Campbell, Raft River Electric

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE GALLERY:

Vice-Chairman Shawn Mathis 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:

Chairperson Teresa Hugill led the pledge of allegiance.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

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TOWN OF JACKPOT

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Raft River Electric Company update of the electrical service provided to the town of Jackpot.

Mike Christensen (Raft River Rural Electric) stated that they will be putting in more lights, over the next week they will be getting them installed and hooked up. The only other big thing coming up is the annual business meeting will be held in Malta on April 12th at 7:00PM, voting will be from 6:00-7:00 PM or by mail in ballot, that should be coming out in the mail if you haven't already received them. Mr. Christensen commented he had some flyers if anyone had any questions. He mentioned that he brought some board of Directors with him and asked if they could introduce themselves. Chairperson Teresa Hugill replied yes.

Jason Harper (Raft River Board of Director) stated he was up for re-election in April so they thought they would come by so the town can put a name with the face. Mr. Harper mentioned that they talk about Jackpot at all their board meetings, so it's nice to be able to put a name with a face. Mr. Harper was born in Malta, ID, he went away for about 10 years. He came back to the family farm in 2013. Two years ago, he was appointed to the Raft River Board of Directors. Mr. Harper said that electricity is a necessity to the family farm, and that the success of the family farm is directly connected to the success of Raft River. Mr. Harper said that because of this he has a lot invested in Raft River and their success. He is very passionate about keeping rates low. For that reason, Mr. Harper is running for the Board of Directors again, he enjoys being part of Raft River and being part of something bigger than his little circle that he would go to every day. Mr. Harper said he talked to Bruce Ririe (Jackpot Advisory Board member) about some of the conservation projects such as the walking trail that Raft River has been involved in. Mr. Harper said Raft River likes being involved in community conservation projects, and hearing from the community on these projects. Mr. Harper said the community co-op model is based on the support of each other.

John Campbell (Raft River Board of Director) thanked the board for giving him and the others time to talk. He stated it was nice to be in Jackpot. They talk about Jackpot all the time; however, it was kind of abstract to hear about Jackpot because it's three mountain ranges away. Mr. Campbell continued that Raft River would like to use Jackpot as the model for how they would like things to work in other small communities they serve. Mr. Campbell encouraged Jackpot Residents to reach out to the Board Members to ask questions or share concerns.

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) commented if Raft River would have any interest in helping with Jackpot cleanup day as they have in the past. Mr. Christensen said yes. He had just talked to Mandy, and she said that if there is anything that we would like them to help with just give her a call and let her know.

b. Nevada Health Center update.

Kerrie Preston (Jackpot Clinic Practice Manager) said she didn't have any new updates. However, she wanted to check in and see if anyone had any questions or concerns.

Ms. Hugill asked if she could clarify the hours that the Jackpot Clinic is open, there has been some misunderstanding with people who have tried to go over and be seen. Kerrie Preston confirmed the hours of the Jackpot Clinic as 7:00AM – 6:00 PM Monday -Thursday with Skylar working remotely from home doing Tele Health on Wednesdays. On Wednesdays there is a cart so people can see Skylar via video, there is a stethoscope that is connected so he can hear the heartbeat, a camera allows him to look in the ears, throat and look at rashes. Ms. Preston asked if the hours in question were on Wednesdays? Ms. Hugill said yes, that and covid testing. Ms. Preston said that they don't do covid testing on Wednesdays, and they cannot do Rapid testing, they are only doing the PCR test.

c. Discussion and consideration to approve the flyer for Jackpot's Helping Hands fundraiser.
ACTION-ITEM

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot Helping Hands and Family Services) said that the non-profit will be hosting a Holiday Craft Fair as a fundraiser for operational funds for the Non-profit. Theresa continued to explain that booth space will be rented to vendors at \$40.00 booth. They will also sale concessions at the craft fair.

Shawn Mathis (Jackpot Advisory Board member) expressed a concern that if this is during the Twin Falls County Fair, there may not be enough activity in town to have a successful fundraiser. Chairperson Hugill suggested another date, suggesting maybe on the 4th of July event as there will be a lot of visitors in town on that weekend.

No action taken. This item was tabled for the following meeting to have a date figured out.

d. Discussion and consideration to approve a tourism logo for branding purposes.
ACTION-ITEM

Kaylee Shields (Tourism and Economic Director) presented a new brand for the Tourism Department to use for branding purposes only. She showed the Advisory Board a color option of the Tourism Brand that was approved by the Jackpot Tourism Board. She explained that the benefit of this is that the colors can be changed to match the website or break it down into smaller pieces. Mrs. Shields stated that the color of where it says Nevada can be adjusted and the tourism tagline can be included: "Adventure Beckons". She confirmed that this is only a brand for Tourism and is not in place of the Town Seal. It is her proposal to have this be a branding logo only. Shawn Mathis (Jackpot Advisory Board Vice-Chairman) asked if this will be going on things such as t-shirts, pens, and hats? Mrs. Shields confirmed yes that is the type of tourism items this brand would be on.

She also showed examples of websites with a branding logo and an official seal, showing how both are used on the same website for different reasons.

Chairperson Teresa Hugill said she agrees it is a good idea to do a separate one. However, she doesn't like the word "beckons" she isn't sure everyone will know what it means. She also wasn't sure about the diamonds and asked what the other board members thought. Vice-Chair Mathis asked about stand-alone J on the page. Mrs. Shields explained that that would be for social media posting connecting it to the branding but also making it recognizable. Mr. Ririe asked if the diamonds on the logo represented the stars in our night sky. Ms. Shields replied, yes and the diamonds on a deck of cards. Vice-Chair Mathis asked if Mrs. Shields could go back to the graphic designer and get a few options that they could view. Ms. Shield agreed to take their ideas and suggestions to the graphic designer and send them the updated information. Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) explained that another meeting wouldn't be needed. Once Mrs. Shields has the approval of the Tourism Board then all she needs to do is send it to the Advisory Board Members for their final approval.

No action taken: tabled at this time waiting to see more options.

JACKPOT GOLF COURSE

NON-ACTION ITEM

1. Golf Course operations update.

The golf course is closed for the season. March 18 possible opening date

JACKPOT TOURISM

NON-ACTION ITEM

1. Tourism operations update.

Kaylee Shields (Tourism and Economic Director) stated she is working with Thrive on the Wellness Fair, scheduled for 4-20 here in Jackpot. She continued that there have been a lot of challenges she is hoping it is still going to happen this year.

She has submitted her budget to the Elko Rec Board for the 2023 fiscal year, she said that they included funds for events so that they could happen. The Tourism Board would like to do a Founders Day instead of Founders week. Ms. Shields said that the Tourism Board is wanting to do a Founders Week instead of just a day event. They would like to include in that a community cleanup day like what "Jackpot Pride Day" used to be.

2. Social Media Manager update.

Mackenna Ririe (Social Media Manager) was absent, Kaylee Shields (Tourism and Economic Director) relayed the information: the town's social media is up.

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 it's going well. The little Food Prep area is set up to prepare and prep meals for the Seniors. Helping Hands Senior Services has been serving meals from breakfast to dinners at the Senior Center. The Senior Center plans the event and Jackpot Helping Hands supplies, preps, and serves the food. For example, the Senior Center Hosts a Dinner and Movie night, they plan the movie and Helping Hands supplies and prepares the food.

Mrs. Dimmitt mentioned that the biggest problem they have is getting the seniors to the center. Jackpot's Helping Hands has been offered a grant through Catholic Charities that will pay for a driver to bring the seniors to the center if food is being offered. It is with the Office of Aging and Disability for food insecurity. If Jackpot's Helping Hands offers food options, the driver will be able to be paid to bring the seniors to the center. Mrs. Dimmitt stated this grant will also pay for the increased insurance that's required by the Non-Profit Ins. This grant, if approved, will pay \$36,000 over a 24-month period. It will allow for drivers and cooks to be hired.

Mrs. Dimmitt shared that the clothes closet is open and ready to start giving away items. She mentioned that so far there are more donations than there are people picking items up. She also said that the Baby Bags that Monica and Jyll Burt made are amazing and a big hit especially to new moms.

Mrs. Dimmitt commented that Jackpot Helping Hands Non-profit needs more volunteers, Jackpot Helping Hands will work with the Senior Center and post Volunteers wanted flyers around town and on social media. She mentioned that they are looking for several volunteers so each volunteer would only need to work a day or two a month. This will hopefully not have the volunteer's burnout so fast.

JACKPOT SENIOR CENTER

2. Senior Center operations update.

Bill Dimmitt (Jackpot Senior Center) was absent. Theresa Dimmitt (CEO Jackpot's Helping Hands /Food Pantry & Senior Services) relayed the information. She stated that the senior center has been slow, with only 1 or 2 people attending weekly. The current activities director has stepped back. There will be a flyer with volunteers wanted throughout the town and on social media. The senior center hopes to find a replacement soon and hopes that with more volunteers there could be more interest in the center.

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 absent Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) relayed the information. The Recreation Center is currently short staffed, and Beth asked him to give her report. Things are going well; she had 28-30 people come in over the last month. Mr. Burt mentioned that the recreation center is taking applications for more lifeguards.

JACKPOT PUBLIC WORKS

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

Gustavo Estrada (Jackpot Public Works) stated that they have been doing a little rehab on the well house, they have re-shingled the roof, painted the outside, replaced the trim. He mentioned that they are still picking up food for the food pantry twice a month and have done maintenance on their vehicles. They also helped the Fire Department with the Conex to the shop.

Mr. Ririe thanked Mr. Estrada and his team for the great job of removing the snow. Mr. Ririe stated that it really helps people get around town.

JACKPOT SAFETY / FIRE

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

Shelly Hester (Jackpot ambulance) stated that for the last month there were a total of twenty-seven calls, seventeen of which were transports. Out of the seventeen transports three were air-transports. She commented that they have been busy, with multiple transports on the weekends. Mrs. Hester also mentioned that they are picking up more calls for the weekdays. She commented that they have been very busy.

2. Jackpot Fire Department

- a. Jackpot Fire Department operations update.

Brian Hugill (Jackpot Fire Department) stated that on top of the twenty-seven calls they had seven more fire calls. Vehicle accidents and one false alarm. Chief Hugill said he just got back from the homicide, black fire, explosion training put on by the FBI.

He had some stuff done by Beniton at the fire station and they are working on the new bay. He has some concept designs he would like to discuss with Bruce Ririe (Jackpot Advisory Board member).

Chief Hugill commented that he heard that West Star is unofficially becoming a member of Econo Lodge. Shawn Mathis (Jackpot Advisory Vice-Chairman) asked how they become unofficially a member of Econo Lodge. Chief Hugill said they need to make some repairs before becoming official.

Elko County Sheriff's Department

- a. Sheriff's Office operations update.
No Report given.

Chairperson Hugill commented that it would've been nice for somebody from the department to have attended because Jeremy Marritt passed away the previous night from cancer. The services will be held on Thursday for a viewing and funeral on Friday.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

No Discussion.

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 10, 2022

Next Meeting Date – April 14, 2022

Motion: Alex Torrero made a motion to accept the minutes for the Jackpot Advisory Board Meeting for the date of February 10th, 2022, and the next meeting date for the Jackpot Advisory Board Meeting for the date of April 14, 2022, seconded by Shawn Mathis. Motion passed.

VOTE: Aye: Alex Torrero
 Shawn Mathis
 Bruce Ririe
 Teresa Hugill

Nay:
Absent: Monica Burt

Abstain

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF COMMENTS

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Shawn Burt (Jackpot Public Works Superintendent) stated that next week he needs to go to Elko, NV and needs to take one of the Board Members with him. Vice Chair Shawn Mathis said he could go Wednesday or Thursday, and Mr. Burt said he could make that work.

They will be going over preliminary budgets. Some of the things he has been going over is trash service and the Rec. Center. There will be discussion regarding the trash rates as well as changing the water and sewer rates to cover the infrastructure that is coming into town. This is all part of the preliminary budget items need to be discussed with Susan Paprocki (Elko County Comptroller).

Mr. Burt mentioned that Cash Minor (Assistant County manager/Comptroller) is retiring on the 21st of March.

He asked if anyone has any budget requests, he needs them on his desk no later than next Wednesday.

Chief Brian Hugill stated that he would like to request a special fund in the budget to help people who have lost a loved one or have been involved in an accident on highway 93. This fund would cover expenses to get these people by. Those expenses may include a night stay, a meal, or just basic necessities. The fire department has taken care of situations like this, but they are now getting busier with calls, and he would like to know that there is somebody else who will help these people. Vice-Chairman Shawn Mathis commented that he would like to know an amount for this fund because he wants there to be enough to cover expenses in the year. He and Chief Hugill would go over the details.

Theresa Dimmitt (CEO Jackpot's Helping Hands /Food Pantry & Senior Services) stated that it would be nice if the hotels in the town could donate vouchers for meals or rooms. Vice-Chair Mathis commented that the Advisory Board couldn't ask the hotels, but she could.

Chairperson Teresa Hugill mentioned that Thrive has made their first quarterly tax payment and that funds that will be dispersed to the town will be in a trust. Mr. Burt stated that they would like a committee to be formed, which will decide how funds will be spent. He encourages that any town person who doesn't attend the meetings regularly be a part of the board.

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ADJOURN

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

VOTE:
Aye: Shawn Mathis
Bruce Ririe
Alex Torrero
Teresa Hugill
Nay:
Absent: Monica Burt
Abstain:

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.