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JACKPOT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, March 13, 2025

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 March 13, 2025, 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
 Stacy Martinez, Jackpot Fire Department
 Theresa Dimmitt, Jackpot Recreation Center
 Theresa Dimmitt, Jackpot Tourism/Senior Center
 Katie Estrada, Jackpot Combined School
 Shelly Hester, Jackpot Ambulance

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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Jeff Young led the pledge of allegiance.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

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No Comments.

RAFT RIVER RURAL ELECTRIC COMPANY NON-ACTION ITEM

1. Raft River Electric update.

Mike Christensen (Raft River Electric) stated that there haven't been any outages that he is aware of in the last month. The previous month there was the planned outage that went over the planned time because of a few issues, so he apologized. There is a scholarship opportunity for seniors who have a parent or guardian with a membership through Raft River. There are five, two-thousand-dollar scholarships. The student just needs to fill out the application to be eligible because it's a drawing. The applications are due the first part of April and as long as the school is accredited Raft River will pay the funds towards it. He mentioned that there is also the ICUA Youth rally and the previous year they had their first person from Jackpot. He mentioned that the following month is when the rate changes go into effect. There are two levers that affect the bill, how much power is used, and the other is called demand. The demand will be based on any giving period, one hour period of the month where the greatest amount of power is used. He commented that everybody's demand amount will be different. He stated that if there are ten different appliances and they are used one each hour, the demand will be lower than if they are all used at the same time. This is hard to do. It can be confusing, but people can call the office to ask questions. People can also use the SmartHub app to look at their usage. He mentioned that people could also opt out of the demand rate, but they will have to be like that for a year. He has chosen the demand rate, and the difference is three hundred dollars less per year compared to a non-demand rate. It's almost always cheaper to be on the demand rate. Sylvia Arnold (Town resident) asked if there was an average cost of the increase for the users. Mr. Christensen stated that globally for Raft River Electric it will be a twelve or thirteen percent increase based on all different rate classes, but in the Western division (Jackpot and Owyhee) generally speaking this division will most likely see a decrease, hence trying to make the rates across the board for everybody the same. Vice-Chair Monica Burt asked if it would be better for people to spread their usage throughout the day and not all at once.

Mr. Christensen said yes, but if one hour of the month has all the usage at once it will affect the entire month. Chairperson Jeff Young mentioned that he's heard that it costs more to lower and raise the temperature than leaving it steady all the time.

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot town member) mentioned that she called

**NEVADA HEALTH CENTER
NON-ACTION ITEM**

1. Nevada Health Center update.

Kerrie Preston (Practice Manager: Wendover/Jackpot) stated that there will now be a provider in Jackpot on the first Wednesday of every month. It will be Rachel Grant who has been seeing patients regularly and Brock Vance (PA), his first day will be March 5th. Mrs. Grant saw eleven patients in February and so far, Brock has eight on the schedule. He did a lot of work with Skylar's inbox when he left, so some of the community members are familiar with him. This is how things will work every month and hopefully some recruitment will happen so there could be a full-time provider in the town. She mentioned that there are only two providers in Elko and there is recruitment happening there too. This is a nationwide thing. She commented that the Mammovan will be in Jackpot on June 24th, and she has requested some flyers, so once she receives them, she will send them out to everybody, and they could be posted or shared. She asked if anybody had questions.

Chairperson Jeff Young stated that the board didn't have any questions and just asked that there be some urgency in the recruitment process in order to have a provider in the town. Teresa Hugill (Jackpot Advisory Board member) thanked Mrs. Preston for trying and expressed her appreciation.

**JACKPOT COMBINED SCHOOL
NON-ACTION ITEM**

1. Jackpot Combined School update.

Katie Estrada (Jackpot Combined School) thanked the board for supporting the athletic teams. The boys' team headed to Elko to play in regionals, and she expressed her appreciation for all the community support for the teams during the season. She mentioned that last year the school got a Stem designation, this allows them to apply for many grants and to receive funding for programs that support the school's CTE and Stem programs. Shelly Hester is teaching an EMT class and mannequins, skeletons, and other items have been ordered. This is a neat experience for the children to learn about from somebody working in the field. The other part of the funding is being used to start a school store. There will be student-made items for sale, such as T-shirts and other things. The equipment to make the items will be at school. The students will eventually do 3-D printed items that will also be for sale. The school applied for grant funding for a greenhouse for their egg program. Junior high has an egg program in the classroom. The previous year a hydroponics system was implemented and is being used throughout the school. There are different things growing each week. They want to expand this into the greenhouse program, and they hope to get two small greenhouses to install on school campus. They appreciate all the support from the community in getting these programs for the students. She mentioned that one of the programs that they are working with is excited about what the school is doing, and they will be doing something on the assembly floor, and some of the students will be able to attend and be a part of that in May. Mrs. Estrada commented that they are doing a class through the public library system and the governor's office on economic development where the students are

using virtual reality to explore different careers. They are also studying for the NCRC which is through ACT, which is a career readiness assessment. Those students will also get to go to the capital for a celebration of their success. The board stated that they think the all the programs are amazing and great for the students.

Chairperson Jeff Young asked about the heating issues at the school. Mrs. Estrada stated that parts have been ordered, and they are doing temporary things to keep things operating while the parts arrive. She commented that it's cold, but not in all the classrooms. The classrooms which are cold have space heaters in 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 the town of Jackpot website has all the past meeting minutes for the past five years. Once the minutes get approved the website will be updated. There will be a display case for tourism installed at the recreation center. It will contain the town's swag, which can be purchased. There is also the town's backwall which advertises the town and people can take a picture alongside it and post it online in order to get free swag. She mentioned that Southern Idaho finally printed the magazine where the town has an ad in. She has copies for those interested in seeing it. She asked if anybody sees anything on the website that needs to be updated or needs to be added to please let her know.

2. Senior Center updates.

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot Senior Center) stated that there are two new volunteers for the senior group. Things are finally in place to deliver hot meals to seniors in the community. Harold and Debbie Barton go to the senior center once a week on Wednesday and pick up the sealed meals to deliver to seniors, they even go out to Contact. Last week they gave out six meals to community members which is above what the senior center serves at bingo and poker and this week they did nine meals. There were thirty people who participated in poker and lunch and twenty participants in the bingo and lunch. Mrs. Dimmitt stated that while not all seniors are excited to be at the recreation center, she is grateful they are. There was an incident with a senior and the lifeguards were able to assist him by following procedures they were trained on.

JACKPOT RECREATION CENTER

NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. Recreation Center Department operations update.

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot Recreation Center) stated that the recreation center deposit was five hundred and seventy-six dollars. The facility uses the non-profits scanning method to keep track of the amount of people visiting the recreation center. People still need to sign in, so there is an

active list in case there needs to be an evacuation. The reports generated are the following: Paid family memberships which has nine families and eleven payments were made for a total of two hundred and thirty dollars, Paid single memberships which has ten people and thirteen payments made for a total of one hundred forty dollars, there were forty-six members or memberships for the gym use, the pool was used fifteen times, and the day use is for people who pay as they go. The school has started to use the facility again in the morning. Brian Hugill (Fire Chief) has done a walk through the recreation center and there were many code violations that have now been fixed, so he will do another walk through. She is also working with Shelly Hester (Ambulance) to have continued training for the lifeguards. She mentioned that she has completed her online training and certification for First Aid/CPR/AED. The AED and First aid kit has all been updated. She commented that she is taking a lifeguard management class to ensure that the lifeguards are constantly getting the training and management needed.

JACKPOT EVENTS

NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. Event operations update.

Shawn Burt (Town Superintendent) stated that Betty Marquez (Jackpot Admin) has left, but there will be a discussion regarding who will be working on events. He knows that Brandon (Cactus Petes) would like to work with the town on the Fourth of July and he will also be meeting with Brad Hester regarding the fireworks.

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 maintenance on their vehicles. They have also set up some training in the next few months. They helped with a heat issue at one of the fire department's bays along with the footings. They took out the concrete and dug three feet down which was hard because the ground was frozen. They fixed some issues in the pump room at the recreation center and updated things. He mentioned that the fire department, the admin building, and the shop all have backup generators. They also got some stuck deer out of the airport area.

Chairperson Jeff Young asked about Jackpot's cable service because all their lines were still running. Shawn Burt (Town Superintendent) stated that Truleap Technologies is working with Satview. Mr. Estrada commented that Truleap Technologies got a grant to run fiber from Wells and north in order to have another option for an internet provider, Mr. Burt stated that with the federal freeze things hadn't progressed.

JACKPOT FIRE/AMBULANCE/SAFETY

1. Jackpot Fire Department operations update.

Stacy Martinez (Jackpot Fire Department) stated that they had a total of thirty-six calls for the last month. They have also been doing more service calls, such as cattle crossing on mile marker one hundred fifty-seven. The fire department also has a Facebook page where they will be posting snippets of their trainings, some general information regarding accidents, and road or highway closures.

2. Jackpot Ambulance operations update.

Shelly Hester (Ambulance) stated that for the month of January there were nineteen calls and seventeen of those were transports. They have also been training. Teresa Hugill (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked about the fire station’s progress and Mrs. Hester stated that there has been work on it all the previous week and it currently has the concrete blankets on it.

3. Elko County Sheriff’s operations update.

No representative present.

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 January 9, 2025
(This material is available upon request.)

Next Meeting Date – March 13, 2025

Motion: Larry Lineberry moved to approve the minutes and the meeting date, seconded by Teresa Hugill. 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

This time is devoted to comments by Advisory Board Members and/or Staff for general information or update purposes. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified to be an action item.

Monica Burt (Vice-Chairperson) stated that she would be meeting with Cheri Moring (Executive Director Head Start of Northeastern Nevada) on February 24th. She will have the fiscal and ERSEA manager with her. They will have applications, more information, and will be looking at a site. The building doesn't have to be commercial grade, so the donated building will be okay. The meeting is preliminary and those interested in the program don't need to attend, it's to help with grant funds. She mentioned that HeadStart wasn't affected by the government freeze. She commented that she he would be traveling with Brian Hugill (Jackpot Fire Chief) to the 2025 Fire Adapted Nevada Summit. It will be in Reno and will be about how to make a town safe from fire.

Monique Gollihar (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked Shawn Burt (Town Superintendent) about any updates regarding the housing development. Mr. Burt stated that he visited with Taylor (Summit Edge) and the appraisals were completed on the property. They had to submit projections of how many homes the property would be holding to the county appraiser. Once that appraisal is complete the process of deeding the property will begin. If things continue to progress as they are Summit Edge is looking at breaking ground on the first of April.

He mentioned that either the week of Feb 24th or March 3rd they will be in Jackpot to host a meeting with all the people interested in purchasing homes. There will be advertising once the date is set. People will need to attend because they will be able to get all their questions answered. There will be floor plans, USDA people, and other financial institutions.

Mr. Burt commented that the following week he would be meeting with Susan Paprocki (County Comptroller) to go over the preliminary budgets. Things are moving fast because he barely got the budget packets from Elko. He asked that the main requests be turned in to him by the following week on Wednesday. The office will be closed on Monday.

He has been meeting with Cactus Petes quite a bit and they just had all the GLPI properties appraised. He knows the value of the properties and has been given permission to let people interested in coming to Jackpot know that information. There are four companies interested and are in communication with GLPI.

He mentioned that there is an open position to replace Betty (Admin) and those interested need to do an application on the Elko County website.

The airport needs a new RFQ (Request for Qualifications) this year for a consulting and engineering firm. He will be stepping down from the selection committee, so he needs one board member, he will have a staff member, and three members from the public. This will take some time because everybody needs to read over all the proposals in order to make the decision. He will have more details once he knows more, and he thinks that they will be submitting out for an RFQ by next week.

He commented that he's seen on social media that people are upset about the rate structures for Raft River. There will be a rate increase, and the town hasn't seen an increase in years. The town is in the Western district and there is an Eastern district, there are two different rates being paid. In the next three years both districts will be paying the same amount across the board. It will be a three percent increase, but people won't see a big hit on their bill. The Eastern district will see a bigger hit than the Western district. The increase will be over a three-year period. He welcomes

anybody who would like to talk about or express their concerns to give him a call since he is the board member for the western district in Nevada. He stated that people need to learn not to use high demand at high demand times. This is also going to be true for when the town implements meters because the rates will also increase for water, sewer, and trash. People will need to train themselves on when to use their utilities at proper times. Monica Burt (Vice-Chairperson) asked Mr. Burt if the customers would be informed of what the high usage rate for electricity is so that people don't use so much during those times. Mr. Burt stated that Raft River has already sent out a flyer and they will be sending another one. They are also encouraging everybody to attend the annual board meeting which is on April 8th at 7:45pm in Malta. Once the annual board meeting is complete then the rate increase will go into effect. He commented that the previous day he was in Carson City for the Nevada Rural Electric Association senators meeting. He and Mandy (Raft River) were selected to sit on the senate floor during the session as guests for our senator. They got to visit with senators on conservation with electricity, but he made sure to inform them about the issues in the town. He spoke to four senators regarding contractor's licenses and all the issues in the town. He also spent twenty minutes with Bert Gurr (Assembly member) who along with the majority leader is working on reciprocity licensing for the town. Mr. Burt recommended that they make the contractor license fit the contractor. The reciprocity licensing is on the actions for the senate for the legislation coming up. There is great headwork towards this, but it isn't final. He hopes that at the end of this session they will start hearing about this. The legislation lasts for one hundred and twenty days. There should be some information by summer. There were some who knew about the issues, others didn't, and some didn't know the extent of the issues. These issues are happening in all the rural towns.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

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Angie Horn (St. Lukes) stated that she reached out St. Lukes about them having a clinic in the town. St. Lukes responded with questions such as, "what are the distances between the towns that will be supported by the clinic in the area?" "What kind of care is around the surrounding area?" "What kind of support will be needed?" "What buildings are available for a clinic?" She will get the questions sent to the town clerk and she has been working on the distances and Shawn Burt (Town Superintendent) has already informed her of a couple of buildings that they could work in. Mrs. Horn's only concern is that if there are a couple providers at a time due to HIPPA there will need to be a good partition in between each provider and each patient. She will also like talk to the community and St. Lukes to try and get an urgent care in the town. She happened to attend a basketball game for the Lady Jaguars and one of the girls got hurt, so she knows that it's at least a good forty-five minute to an hour drive to Twin Falls to an urgent care. This is also probably the same amount of time to get to Wells. She will be notating this and will continue to work on trying to get St. Lukes to have an urgent care or clinic in the town. She asks if anybody has questions she can be reached by email, and that the town clerk has that information. She will also be in the town on Friday night and Saturday if anybody would like to meet with her. She expressed her appreciation for the help she's got in this matter and will continue to move forward if the town would like her to. The board all agreed that yes, they thanked her and mentioned that urgent care is exciting.

ADJOURN

ACTION ITEM

Motion: Larry Lineberry moved to adjourn, seconded by Vice-Chair Monica Burt. 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 7:21 pm.