



TOWN OF JACKPOT, NEVADA ADVISORY BOARD

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JACKPOT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

THURSDAY, April 10, 2025

6:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Jackpot Advisory Board was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Monica Burt at 6:30 pm mountain standard time on April 10, 2025, in the meeting room of the Jackpot Administration Building, Jackpot, Nevada.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Monica Burt
 Jeff Young (Zoom)
 Teresa Hugill
 Larry Lineberry

Absent: Monique Gollihar

Others Present: Shawn Burt, Jackpot Town Superintendent
 Gustavo Estrada, Public Works Lead
 Brian Hugill, Jackpot Fire Department
 Theresa Dimmitt, Jackpot Recreation Center
 Theresa Dimmitt, Jackpot Tourism/Senior Center
 Stormi McCarthy, Jackpot Combined School
 Shelly Hester, Jackpot Ambulance
 Brent Fleshman, Jackpot Golf Course
 Angie Horn, MMASV Racing

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE GALLERY:

Vice-Chairperson Monica Burt 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:

Vice-Chair Monica Burt 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.

Dallen Spencer (Raft River Electric) shared that things are running smoothly—no outages or major updates to report. Raft River will be taking part in Science Night on May 6 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM, and they're also working on scheduling a safety demo at the school, which is still in the planning stages.

He reminded everyone that the ICUA Youth Rally is coming up this summer, and applications are due by May 1. It's open to students who've completed their sophomore or junior year. The application is online, but anyone needing help can contact the office—they're happy to email or fax it over.

Raft River's annual meeting was held on April 8. No changes to the Board, but they did give out five scholarships by random draw—a great opportunity for seniors to take advantage of next year. No application needed, just submit a name. Lastly, a rate adjustment took effect April 1, so folks might see that on next month's bill. Overall, no complaints—things are going well.

Vice-Chairperson Monica Burt stated that she would be skipping to items I and J because Theresa Dimmitt needed to do her reports in order to return to her class.

NEVADA HEALTH CENTER

NON-ACTION ITEM

1. Nevada Health Center update.

Kerrie Preston (Practice Manager: Wendover/Jackpot) sent an email stating that she wouldn't be able to attend and would attend the next meeting.

JACKPOT COMBINED SCHOOL

NON-ACTION ITEM

1. Jackpot Combined School update.

Two Jackpot Combined School seniors, Julian Cervantes and Samantha Lampo, addressed the board to request informal permission to paint the rock where the old "J" used to be located. They asked to add a "25" to represent their graduating class. It was noted that the class of 2024 did not participate, and the "23" is still currently visible. While this item was non-actionable and did not require a formal vote, board members expressed support and suggested that the students coordinate with Public Works. It was mentioned that the "J" is located on BLM land, and in the past, updates have been made without objection.

Stormy McCarthy, representing Jackpot Combined School, provided several updates. She shared that the school now has two greenhouses, which are currently being assembled by the school's building construction classes, part of a hands-on STEM initiative. Additionally, the school is opening a student-run store, which will be located near the school's main entrance. The store will offer shirts, stickers, and other student-made items and is a collaboration between general education and special education students focused on entrepreneurship. A production area for apparel is being set up in one of the classrooms.

Stormy also shared that the school received an \$85,000 grant to support the greenhouse and STEM programs, as the school is now officially designated as a STEM school. Further discussion highlighted the continued use of the outdoor classroom property near Burt's, which was granted to the school by Al Huber for a 100-year period. Students continue to use the space for springtime activities, and it remains a student favorite. Although the area has been cleaned up by volunteers in the past, it is in need of further improvement. Stormy mentioned plans to pursue another grant to enhance the outdoor classroom in the near future. Several board members expressed interest in staying involved and supporting the effort.

JACKPOT GOLF COURSE

NON-ACTION ITEM

1. Golf Course operations update.

Brent Fleshman (Jackpot Golf Club) provided an update, sharing that the course opened a few weeks ago and is in excellent condition coming out of winter. Despite concerns about potential ice damage or mold, the grounds weathered the season well, and the team has been actively managing water line issues as the irrigation system is reactivated. Last year marked the busiest season the course has seen in over a decade, a success Brent attributes in part to a partnership with Cactus Pete's, which helped launch a season pass program. The program includes perks like an overnight stay and dining vouchers, which attracted many players from the Magic Valley. As a result, the club sold 100 more season passes than the previous year, helping boost traffic, particularly on slower weekdays.

He noted that momentum is already carrying into this year, with new passholders coming from areas not previously reached. Several tournaments are scheduled for this season, and the club has retained all of its core staff, a significant advantage heading into a busy year. Next week, the course will host the Northern Nevada High School Golf Tournament, with the course being donated for the event—only charging participants for food. Additionally, in collaboration with the school, the club is donating several thousand dollars' worth of used and extra rental equipment—including bags and club sets—to local students and community youth, with the handoff scheduled for Monday.

Brent emphasized the importance of continued weekday traffic and praised the course's quality, stating it remains one of the best daily-fee courses in the Magic Valley region, both in terms of condition and affordability. He encouraged everyone to be proud of the shared effort in maintaining the course and noted that community support, equipment, and teamwork have been vital to its success. He closed by expressing hope for more favorable weekend weather to help maintain momentum through the season.

JACKPOT TOURISM & SENIOR CENTER

NON-ACTION ITEM

1. Jackpot Tourism updates.

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot Tourism) stated that she is currently attending a conference focused on parks, recreation, and special events, and it has been incredibly inspiring. She is coming away with all kinds of exciting ideas that she is eager to explore further when she returns. Once she is back, she plans to meet with the advisory board members, as well as Shawn Burt and the Public Works team, to discuss which of these ideas might realistically be implemented in our community.

2. Senior Center updates.

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot Senior Center) stated that the Food Bank of Northern Nevada is facing significant challenges due to a \$5 million reduction in services. This cut is expected to impact the availability of fresh produce, proteins, and possibly the senior food boxes we regularly distribute. While this is certainly concerning, she is actively working on solutions to secure funding that would allow the food bank to continue purchasing essential food items—either directly from the Food Bank of Northern Nevada or through bulk retailers like Costco and other big box stores.

Despite this setback, the meal delivery program—commonly known as Meals on Wheels—is still going strong. Although there was a pause to the service briefly yesterday due to a volunteer being ill, the program continues to receive positive feedback from the community and will resume next week when she returns to town. The volunteers have also created a new flyer to help spread the word now that the program is running in a more organized way.

JACKPOT RECREATION CENTER

NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. Recreation Center Department operations update.

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot Recreation Center) stated that at the Rec Center, they are working to launch several new activities aimed at both elementary school children and teenagers.

One of the ideas she is excited about is starting a teen club night on Fridays after regular hours, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. This would be a teen-only time, helping to create a safe and welcoming environment just for them. The staff continues their training efforts and recently held a session with Shelly Hester from the fire department. Theresa reported that Shelly did an incredible job turning what could have been a stressful experience into something educational and engaging. Her guidance helped the staff become more organized and better prepared, and the staff is still talking about how valuable that two-hour session was.

They are also in the process of ordering new equipment and planning activities to encourage teens, young adults, and adults of all ages to use the Rec Center as it's intended—to stay active and enjoy community space. Theresa stressed she hasn't forgotten the younger kids either; she is planning several fun and age-appropriate activities for them as well.

To help guide future planning, board members were asked to consider: *What kind of Rec Center do you envision, and what types of activities should be available?* This feedback will help determine the direction and priorities moving forward. Members were encouraged to think about their vision and be prepared to discuss it at an upcoming meeting.

A question was raised regarding the food program and whether it would continue during the summer months for children and teenagers at the Rec Center. The response confirmed that yes, the Rec Center will continue to provide healthy food options throughout the summer. This will be supported through existing food pantry resources and additional food programs we apply for. The goal is to ensure that any kids who visit the Rec Center during the summer have access to nutritious meals and snacks. It was noted that the summer food program may not have been active last year or the year before, but it will be a priority moving forward.

Vice Chairperson stated we would move on to letter F to Nevada Health Center.

JACKPOT EVENTS

NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. Event operations update.

Brandon Smith (Cactus Petes General Manager) stated he had sample flyers for the finalized dates regarding the rodeo events along with admission costs. He mentioned that Cactus Pete's is working on securing bands for three outdoor concerts this summer, with tentative dates in July and August. Official announcements are expected within the next two to three weeks.

Maribel Torrero (Jackpot Combined School) stated that Kindergarten registration opens April 14 and there will be an assisted and guided session offered in Jackpot on April 16th from 9am to 3pm at the school for anybody who doesn't have a computer because enrollment needs to be done online. She mentioned that the school will also be having their Jackpot Golf tournament the following week on Thursday.

Angie Horn (M.A.S.V Racing) stated that there will be a car show and whole shot racing scheduled for May 24th. There will be vendors and music setup next to the park. There will not be any races in the town this year.

Larry Lineberry (Jackpot Advisory Board member) mentioned that for the Fourth of July he had three bands mostly booked and once he gets further along he will present the board with the cost details. Shawn Burt (Jackpot Town Superintendent) stated that Mr. Lineberry had the amount he was told, and that the firework deposit had been submitted.

The board and Raft River discussed the town cleanup and decided that they would figure out a date in May to do it.

Gustavo Estrada (Public Works Lead) mentioned that on May 16 they would be planting trees and encouraged volunteers to attend. This grant can be applied for every year and so it would be a good idea to have some trees for the housing development.

JACKPOT PUBLIC WORKS NON-ACTION ITEM

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

Gustavo Estrada (Jackpot Public Works lead) stated that that the crew has been focusing on general town cleanup now that the weather has improved. They are working to complete smaller projects quickly before larger projects ramp up for the summer season. Preparations are also underway to get the parks ready, including setting up irrigation systems and ensuring everything is in good shape for the busy months ahead. There was discussion about the importance of monitoring for the parasites that affected local trees last year. It was suggested that property owners take proactive steps to treat their own trees and that the town share information with the community about the pests and treatment options.

A question was raised about whether the public restrooms in the parks would be opened for general use or reserved only for special events. Gus confirmed that efforts are being made to reopen the restrooms soon, although maintenance challenges—such as past vandalism—must be considered. It was noted that despite occasional issues, the facilities are important for visitors, and reopening them will be a priority by the end of this month or early next month, depending on weather conditions.

Board members expressed appreciation for the hard work Public Works has been putting into the town's landscaping and maintenance projects, commenting that the improvements around town buildings look excellent. Thanks and recognition were given to the Public Works team for their continued efforts.

JACKPOT FIRE/AMBULANCE/SAFETY

1. Jackpot Fire Department operations update.

Brian Hugill from the Jackpot Fire Department reported that in March, firefighters completed a week-long hazmat training and are preparing to test for their International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) certifications. He and Monica also attended a statewide Fire Adaptive Communities conference, where they learned strategies to reduce wildfire risk, particularly important for Jackpot. The Davis Fire between Reno and Carson City was highlighted at the conference as an example of how poor wildland management can lead to devastating losses, including the destruction of million-dollar homes and insurance issues.

Brian emphasized that while Jackpot has not yet faced a direct wildland fire threat, the risk is significant, especially where the town borders open land. Efforts are underway to strengthen the community's wildfire defenses, including working with local ranches and businesses like Cactus Pete's to reduce fuels and protect key assets. Public education about defensible space—maintaining clear zones around homes and properties—is a major focus moving forward.

The department has also coordinated with Raft River Electric and nearby communities like Contact and Jarbidge to improve mutual aid and emergency response plans. Internally, two firefighters recently completed Fire Instructor training, and Brandon Martinez earned his Advanced EMT certification, strengthening the department's training and medical response capabilities. Meanwhile, the fire station has been repainted, with the new color closely matching the original despite a slight shade difference.

Looking ahead, the department is monitoring fire risk closely. Hydrologists and wildfire experts have warned that although overall moisture levels were lower this year, unburned vegetation from last season could create dangerous conditions as temperatures rise. Brian plans to continue scheduling fuel reduction projects and emphasized the importance of preparing now.

He also thanked Brandon Smith and the team at Cactus Pete's for organizing regular monthly safety meetings, which have strengthened partnerships between the casino, emergency services, and the broader community.

2. Jackpot Ambulance operations update.

Shelly Hester stated that for the month of March, Jackpot Fire and Ambulance responded to 28 calls, 10 of which were transports. Overall, it has been a busy month for the department. In addition to responding to calls, staff have been supporting community safety efforts. Last week, Brian worked with pool employees to provide CPR training, ensuring they are prepared for emergency situations. Moving forward, a dedicated training day has been scheduled once a month, where staff will conduct two-hour training sessions on Friday mornings. Each month's session will be tailored to meet the specific training needs identified for that time.

3. Elko County Sheriff's operations update.

Albert Sevier (Sergeant Elko County) stated that a new deputy, Luke True, will soon complete his Field Training Officer (FTO) program and will be assigned to the Jackpot area within the next two weeks. His call sign will be David 42. This addition will help fill a staffing gap that the department has been managing for some time. However, Sergeant Sevier also noted that he is still pending a transfer to Elko, which will likely create another vacancy in Jackpot around June. He explained that although he had originally accepted a position based out of Elko, he has remained stationed in Jackpot longer to assist with local staffing needs. Teresa Hugill (Jackpot Board member) asked if they could keep him in Jackpot and Sergeant Sevier stated that this would need to be a conversation with three people higher than him. Moving forward, the Sheriff's Office will have Deputies David 42, David 21, David 25, and Sergeant Sevier himself (Sam 7) covering the area. Community members with questions or needing assistance are encouraged to reach out to any of these officers. He expressed his continued commitment to serving the Jackpot community and thanked everyone for their support.

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 March 13, 2025

(This material is available upon request.)

Next Meeting Date – April 22, 2025

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

VOTE:

Aye: Jeff Young (Zoom)

Teresa Hugill

Monica Burt

Larry Lineberry

Nay:

Absent: Monique Gollihar

Abstain:

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF COMMENTS:

NON-ACTION ITEM

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Sylvia Arnold (Jackpot Admin) stated that new flyers are being finalized for the housing project. Although the QR code is already live, the materials are pending final permission before they can be distributed.

Monica Burt (Vice-Chairperson) stated that unfortunately, there were not enough applications to open a Head Start classroom for the year, as at least 10 to 11 children were needed for enrollment. The board discussed trying again next year, possibly by involving Head Start during the school’s open house event in August to build more interest.

She and Brian Hugill (Jackpot Fire Chief) made comments about their recent Fire Adaptive Communities conference.

It was noted that the risk of wildland fire and the challenges surrounding fire insurance coverage are becoming more significant. Participants learned that insurance companies do not currently adjust rates based on individual efforts to fireproof homes, although legislation is being considered to change that. Concerns were raised about the possibility of future issues with insurance availability even in rural areas like Jackpot.

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Town Superintendent) reported that the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for selecting new airport planning and engineering consultants has been posted. A selection committee is being formed to review applicants, and the meeting to evaluate firms will be held on May 6 at 9:00 AM. Community members are welcome to participate, and two board members are needed. He will be stepping back from the committee this year, and Gus will take the lead in organizing the process.

Mr. Burt provided an update regarding last year's caterpillar infestation affecting the town's trees. After consulting with the Nevada Division of Forestry, it was recommended that the town monitor the trees closely this season. If signs of infestation return, quick action will be needed. An oil-based treatment option is available but is costly and would only be applied if absolutely necessary. Residents were advised to keep an eye on their trees and report any issues immediately to Public Works.

He stated that test drilling for a new well is scheduled to begin soon at three separate locations around town. This will ensure that the town selects a site with high-quality water for future needs. Residents were advised not to be concerned when they see drill crews working in various areas.

He provided more information regarding the housing development with Summit Edge Estates, the land transfer has been finalized and rezoning work is underway. Preliminary designs and permitting are expected within the next few weeks, after which groundwork will begin, focusing on installing utilities. Public Works will lead the initial infrastructure work to help control costs. It was explained that the QR code survey linked online is part of the required economic impact study, not a credit check or loan application. The town needs residents to complete the survey to provide vital data about local income levels and housing affordability, which will help determine final pricing options for the new homes. It was noted that only two more families are needed to prequalify for the project to officially move forward.

The town cleanup event has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 2025, beginning at 3:00 PM. Volunteers will meet at the school and finish at the park, following the format used in previous years. Coordination with the school, Public Works, and the fire department is ongoing to ensure a successful event. The scheduling was chosen to avoid conflicts with school graduation and other year-end activities.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

NON-ACTION ITEM

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Angie Horn (St. Lukes) stated that she received information regarding a clinic in the town and the person who reached out to her used the 2020 population which is eight hundred fifty-five people. This means that as of now the answer is no. Mrs. Horn will continue to do research and keep a tab on the calls from Nevada. She would like to talk to the clerk about the number of residents with utilities and Shawn Burt (Jackpot Town Superintendent) mentioned that he could give her the state audit that he received. Mrs. Horn commented that there are also people from Elko calling for medical services.

ADJOURN

ACTION ITEM

Motion: Larry Lineberry moved to adjourn, seconded by Teresa Hugill. Motion passed.

VOTE:

Aye: Larry Lineberry
Jeff Young (Zoom)
Teresa Hugill
Monica Burt

Nay:

Absent: Monique Gollihar

Abstain:

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.