



# TOWN OF JACKPOT, NEVADA ADVISORY BOARD

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## JACKPOT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

**THURSDAY, May 8, 2025**

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### **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 May 8, 2025, in the meeting room of the Jackpot Administration Building, Jackpot, Nevada.

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

### **Absent:**

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  
                          Katie Estrada, Jackpot Combined School  
                          Shelly Hester, Jackpot Ambulance  
                          Luke True, Elko County Sheriffs  
                          Brandon Smith, Cactus Petes General Manager  
                          David Meyers, J-U-B Engineering

### **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. 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. 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.

No representative present. Sylvia Arnold (Jackpot Admin) commented that she spoke with Mike Christensen (Raft River) who mentioned that he had something scheduled and wouldn't be in attendance.

## **NEVADA HEALTH CENTER NON-ACTION ITEM**

1. Nevada Health Center update.

Kerrie Preston (Practice Manager: Wendover/Jackpot) was absent.

## **JACKPOT COMBINED SCHOOL NON-ACTION ITEM**

1. Jackpot Combined School update.

Katie Estrada (Jackpot Combined School) stated that she had exciting news to share and that there would be a press release later on.

Tammy Westergard (Governor's office of Economic Development) has been working with

Jackpot students on the virtual reality headset programs. The programs are to prepare for career inspiration and career readiness, so the school set up an enrichment class and fifteen juniors and seniors chose to do it. These students studied for the NCRC (nationally recognized career readiness assessment) and all fifteen passed, a one hundred percent passing rate. The students used virtual reality and computer programming to study for it. The following week these students will be taken to the capital. They will visit UNR's (University of Nevada, Reno) virtual reality center. There will also be a BBQ to celebrate them. The students will also be announced on the assembly floor, and they will have dinner at the governor's mansion. She mentioned that after all this they hope to then send half of them to the state track meet. There are many good things happening to wrap up the school year, lots of excitement and accomplishments with the students. The school is proud of them and all their work. Mrs. Estrada mentioned that graduation will be on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and she hopes to see everybody there. She commented that there will also be four middle school students going to the capital trip because the school is in the process of building two greenhouses on the school property to go along with the "egg in the classroom program" for the middle school. The goal is to have a farmers' market, and there will be one in Carson City at the same time the school is going to be there. The four students participating will be able to see what other schools are doing to create a farmer's market experience. She thanked the board for their support.

### **JACKPOT GOLF COURSE**

#### **NON-ACTION ITEM**

1. Golf Course operations update.

Brent Fleshman (Jackpot Golf Club) was absent but sent in the following email: "Will not be able to attend tonight. Nothing exciting to report. Business as usual. May is generally an overall quiet month."

Thank you,

Brent Fleshman

### **JACKPOT TOURISM & SENIOR CENTER**

#### **NON-ACTION ITEM**

1. Jackpot Tourism updates.

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot Tourism) stated that she has started the permit for the tourism event on the Fourth of July. The morning event is town related, but after that there are music bands, she has four food vendors and will reach out to a couple more (Nuts under a Buck and Sam from My ice cream roll.) This tourism event will be from 2pm to 10pm. She and Larry Lineberry (Jackpot Advisory Board member) hope to have it all planned by the end of the month in order to start posting it on Facebook, the town website, and other places. It will be a Friday night and so the town should be busy all weekend.

2. Senior Center updates.

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot Senior Center) stated that for the month of April there were fifty attendees for poker. There were forty-five attendees for bingo, and they are doing over twenty meals every week for the "meals on wheels" program. She commented that half of those meals are for those that attend bingo, and the rest of the meals are spread through Contact and in town.

This program also allows there to be a connection to those people who aren't always seen around town in order to make sure they are doing good.

She mentioned that the fire department and Ems crew are great, but they are also busy and don't have time to go check on each individual unless it's an emergency.

## **JACKPOT RECREATION CENTER**

### **NON-ACTION ITEMS**

1. Recreation Center Department operations update.

Theresa Dimmitt (Jackpot Recreation Center) stated that they are making a deposit of four hundred and ninety-one dollars for the month of April. She mentioned that Kianah (Recreation Center employee) had a coloring contest with categories: easy, hard and difficult. The prizes were baskets with craft items. There were two hundred and nine people in the gym for the month of April. There were thirty swimmers in the pool for the month of April and twenty-six for other.

Mrs. Dimmitt commented that the following day they would be starting a new program, "Teen Club Night" that will be from 6pm to 8:30pm every Friday evening. There is a billiards table that can be used as a ping pong table and when not in use it can be a regular table. There is an air hockey table, soft tip dart board, and horn hole which she will have at the Fourth of July event. She commented that as the school year comes to an end, the Rec Center will provide summer meals for the children, but parents will need to fill out a form listing any allergies. They also hope to do activities in the afternoon with the children. This information will be out by the end of the month.

## **JACKPOT EVENTS**

### **NON-ACTION ITEMS**

1. Event operations update.

Shawn Burt (Jackpot Town Superintendent) stated that the following month there would be more information surrounding the Fourth of July event. He mentioned that Larry Lineberry (Jackpot Advisory Board member) had a document with his agenda for the day, but there is no action to be taken for it.

## **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 started spraying for weeds. They have worked with Raft River to install more light poles over by the LDS church, on Gurley, and the school road. They have cleaned over by the sewer to get it ready for the summer. 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. They have also cleaned the transfer station so it's not so stinky when people go in to throw their garbage. He commented that they have turned on irrigation and fixed minor leaks. The summer well is on and is operating good. The town clean up will be on May 13, 2025, and the meet up is at the school at 3:15pm. They will provide water, trash bags, and Raft River will provide food. They will also be doing a demonstration at 4:30pm.

Those who participate will be assigned areas around town, those by the highway will be given vests, and everybody will make their way to the park. If trash bags get heavy, people can leave them on the sidewalk and the public works department will pick them up as they go.

Mr. Estrada stated that he had some water, and that Cactus Petes had also donated some.

Deputy True commented that he would let other deputies know about this event so that they are aware.

Teresa Hugill (Jackpot Advisory Board member) mentioned she would have a group of her staff participating in the cleanup. Shawn Burt (Jackpot Town Superintendent) commented that the transit bus will be available for those that assigned a further location to get there and back to the park.

Mr. Estrada mentioned that the tree planting scheduled for May 16, 2024, was postponed until the fall because if they do it in the summer it's too hot for the trees. The trees that were planted last fall returned. Vice-Chair, Monica Burt asked if there have been any problems with trees around town and Mr. Estrada stated that he hadn't heard of any.

### **JACKPOT FIRE/AMBULANCE/SAFETY**

#### **1. Jackpot Fire Department operations update.**

Brian Hugill from the Jackpot Fire Department reported that they had six calls for service which were non-emergency calls. There were three motor vehicle accidents and in all there were thirty-four calls for the month. He mentioned that they have been training with the recreation center once a month on Fridays. The station is about one fourth complete, all the exterior, interior, ceiling, roof, and walls are complete. The next step is the electrical. He mentioned that they can fit four ambulances which will free up a lot of space. Mr. Hugill mentioned that the production of the Jackpot ambulance which is provided by the Elko County ambulance service will be done on the 28<sup>th</sup>. It will still need to be fit for radios and all the stickers, so the town should probably see it around July or August. The hazmat class has been completed, and the firefighters were tested. The results should be released in ten days. This will put them at a higher level for hazardous materials in car wrecks, waste, and stuff that happens in the casinos.

He mentioned that they will be burning around town once the weather permits it. He is working with M.M.A.S.V on the car show. It will be moved to the park in order not to interfere with the golf course access and the transfer station will be closed. The car show will be on Memorial Day weekend. There won't be a need for extra officers.

Mr. Hugill stated that the West Star Hotel is officially closed. They didn't comply with the Fire Code on the state and federal level. The doors are locked now, and they were given thirty-, sixty-, and ninety-day notice and they refused to comply. Once they start to comply and bring everything up to code, they will let them open up. There isn't any business that would be exempt from being shut down if code isn't being followed. The West Star Hotel issue is being dealt with, and Mr. Hugill will just carry out orders on what will proceed.

#### **2. Jackpot Ambulance operations update.**

Shelly Hester stated that for the previous month they had a total of twenty-five calls, sixteen of those were transports, along with that there was an air transport from an accident.

The backup unit was also used on a transport since the main unit was out on a call.

3. Elko County Sheriff's operations update.

Deputy True (Elko County Sheriffs) stated that he is covering for deputy Switzer until it's determined if he is returning or retiring. He commented that he would be in the town for the next year and a couple of months. Brian Hugill (Jackpot Fire Chief) mentioned that Deputy True is good to work with, down to earth, and easy to talk to just like all the other deputies.

**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 April 10, 2025  
(This material is available upon request.)

Next Meeting Date – June 12, 2025

**Motion: Larry Lineberry moved to approve both items seconded by Jeff Young. Motion passed.**

**VOTE:**  
Aye: Jeff Young  
Teresa Hugill  
Monica Burt  
Larry Lineberry  
Monique Gollihar (Zoom)  
Nay:  
Absent:  
Abstain:

**ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF COMMENTS:  
NON-ACTION ITEM**

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Larry Lineberry (Jackpot Advisory Board member) stated that the sheet each board member has includes what he's got for the Jackpot Jam.

The amounts are just ballpark numbers, but it looks like they coincide with what the town has planned. He will have his PA set up for the town event earlier in the day. He has some local businesses contributing and that is going well. There might be action items regarding this event if needed at the next meeting. He will be collecting business logos or names to include them on the flyer along with the band's information. It will be advertised on all the town social media and website along with it being in the newspaper in Twin Falls. Chairman Jeff Young mentioned that Cindy Purves was present, and she would be able to help with advertising.

Brian Hugill (Jackpot Fire Chief) thanked the board for always making sure that the fire department gets the equipment that they need. He doesn't like to waste, and he knows that the equipment belongs to the taxpayers.

Monica Burt (Vice-Chairperson) commented that she knows that money is tight even at the county level and she asked Shawn Burt (Jackpot Town Superintendent) if he wanted to talk about it. Mr. Burt stated that the money is really tight and this year statewide the state took a larger sum of money according to the budget presentation. The state took five hundred and thirty some thousand dollars out of the town's revenues. The county commissioners approved the town's budget. This is the first time in thirteen years that he has gone below twelve percent in the general budget. The rest of the departments in Elko County were sitting at four or six percent which is where the state allows. It was a bad year, and they don't predict for next year to be good either. It may be worse. He commented that Commissioner Delmo Andreozzi made nice comments on how the town of Jackpot manages itself and does a good job at managing its budgets. Mrs. Burt mentioned that she is happy to be above the rest of Elko County but is aware that the town is lower compared to previous years, but it's still doing good. Mr. Burt stated that there were things that needed to be cut out of the budgets and the only department he didn't cut from was Brian Hugill (Jackpot Fire Chief) because public safety is the number one concern in a rural town.

Mr. Burt mentioned that in the next two to three weeks he should be getting some engineering plans for the housing subdivision. There will be a meeting the following week where they will talk about the development of the starting phase so he can start ordering materials. In about a month ACHA should be out doing groundwork. In a previous meeting he had there was another financial company added. This company will help those that don't have the best credit. The QR code and filling out information on the site helped get this other financial company and there is also another housing manufacturing company for more options. The following week the planning and zoning committee will meet to discuss the zoning change. Things are progressing. Chairperson Jeff Young asked if Mr. Burt thinks the town will see the first house before the first snowfall, Mr. Burt stated that, he is sure.

He stated that the airport will have two major projects, and the grants have been awarded to two companies, hence why racing couldn't be done at the airport. The projects will be starting soon. The selection committee recommended their firm choices for planning and engineering, JUB Consulting was recommended for the next five years. Contract and none awarded letters have been sent out

The water grant is progressing and there were drillers in the town figuring out the best location for the new water tank. He commented that the town was approved for two part-time positions at the transfer station. He will be figuring out a rate study and hours between now and July.

There will be discussions and once recommended by the board it will be presented to the commissioners for approval. There will be a rate change for the transfer station along with a change in hours. He stated that if everything goes well, he got the quote to tear out Ace Drive and repave it. There are funds to do this, it just has to go through the approval process. Once this moves along there will be more information. Ace Drive will be a hard road to work around. The company is saying it will take five days. It will only be from the highway until Lady Luck. There will be traffic control so that nobody is blocked and people will need to have patience.

Mr. Burt stated that everything is working normal and things are going well. The fiscal year is coming to an end, and a new one will be beginning.

Teresa Hugill (Jackpot Advisory Board member) read a message from Monique Gollihar (Jackpot Advisory Board member) who was on Zoom and her microphone wasn't working: "I would like to say I am trying to work out my schedule to make it to the meetings and I apologize for my absence."

### **COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:**

#### **NON-ACTION ITEM**

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Brandon Smith (Cactus Petes) mentioned that there were five rodeo dates booked at the outdoor concert arena, three outdoor concerts (July 26<sup>th</sup>, August 9<sup>th</sup>, and August 30<sup>th</sup> Saturdays) shows are typically at five or six and doors are open according to the start time of the event. Cactus Petes can't make these events happen on their own, there are people who they work with for the rodeo and concerts. If these events are successful, they will return to being bigger and better. The bands booked this year have two shows with two tributes (Leonard Skinner, Bad Company, Journey, and Frampton.) The other band is Gunshine which is a newer rock band from Florida. He doesn't know anything about them other than it being heavy metal and face melting was mentioned on their page. There will also be a number one band from Boise which he hopes will bring people from the Treasure Valley and Eastern Idaho. On July 19<sup>th</sup> there will be the micro wrestling event which last year had one thousand people for it. It was a fun and entertaining event. It will be the same group doing a different show. He commented that the previous year there was only one event and this year there will be nine outdoor events. He hopes that all these events have five hundred people or even maybe a couple thousand people in attendance. These events are going to highlight the entire town and attract more people to the town, which will be a benefit to the community. These people may go golfing, they may try the different restaurants or visit the different casinos and learn about other events happening in the town like the Jackpot Jam. Mr. Smith asks that when they share these events that everybody to share the events on social media to make the events better. It will also want to make the vendors return to do the events again. The more events hosted in the town the better for the whole town.

Larry Lineberry (Jackpot Advisory Board member) asked Mr. Smith for an update regarding food stamps at the general store. He stated that he didn't have any updates other than that all the paperwork has been submitted and that is all they can do up to this point. Vice-Chairperson Monica Burt asked if food stamps weren't working at the store. Mr. Smith stated that it's not that the system isn't working, but instead a paperwork issue.

Food stamps were cancelled and so they had to reapply. They have done everything they have needed to and now it's waiting on the government's side of things which works much slower than what everybody likes. There are also some areas being cut that do not have all the people that would maybe even make things process right now, so it's taking longer than expected.

Chairperson Jeff Young asked Mr. Smith if they were ever going to open the coffee shop near the store. He stated that it wasn't likely, but he would love it if they could. Chairperson Young asked how difficult it would be to move, and Mr. Smith stated that it was not difficult at all. There was some interest in it and things just didn't work out. It's open for whatever since it isn't doing Cactus Petes any good. The only idea they had was to use it for beer storage near the outdoor arena, but he isn't sure that's the best use or place for it. He is up for whatever, especially if it benefits the town.

David Meyers (J-U-B Engineers) stated that they are excited, and the town would be seeing their faces a lot more. He introduced Anthony Novela (Primary Construction Person) and Thomas Leija (Twin Falls Office). Mr. Meyers commented that he would be leaving business cards in case anybody wanted to contact him.

Theresa Dimmitt (Tourism) asked if the mud races would be happening this year. Teresa Hugill (Jackpot Advisory Board member) stated that they are supposed to be happening. She also commented that she would like the flyer for the Fourth of July so that she could maybe include it in the customer bags.

## **ADJOURN**

### **ACTION ITEM**

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

**VOTE:**                   Aye: Larry Lineberry  
                              Jeff Young (Zoom)  
                              Teresa Hugill  
                              Monica Burt  
                              Monique Gollihar (Zoom)

Nay:  
Absent:  
Abstain:

Mrs. Hugill thanked those in attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.