



Moapa Valley Town Advisory Board

"We are dedicated to maintaining a rural lifestyle and rural quality of life in our valley."



HELD ON June 15, 2016 AT 7 P.M. MOAPA VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER, OVERTON

MVTAB members: Chair Michael Otero; Vice-Chair Ann Markle; Marjorie Holland
Allen Johnson, Gene Houston ~ Janice Ridondo, District B - liaison

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MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Please silence all electronic devices; and take all private conversations outside the room.
- Conformance with Nevada Open Meeting Law- **CONFIRMED**
- Invocation and pledge.
- Introduction of Clark County staff and guests

II. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

- Adoption of Agenda. **MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA. APPROVED. UNANIMOUSLY**
- Approval of draft minutes for April 13, 2016. **MOTION TO APPROVE. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**
- Public Comment. First period devoted to comments by the general public about items **ON THIS AGENDA ONLY**. If you wish to speak to the Board about items within its jurisdiction but not appearing on this agenda, must wait until comments by the General Public: period listed at the end of this agenda

III. REPORTS

- Dr. Larry Moses to give an update on the Clark County School District Reorganization Committee: Dr. Moses represents all rurals before the school district. He will be sending in a request representing what the rurals would like for their schools and they'll go to their advisory board. AB394 has a Technical Advisory Board made up of 9 legislatures, 4 Democrats, and 5 Republicans. They will make the final decision on what format of the new structure for the Clark County School District (CCSD) will look like. Also, a Technical Advisory Committee with 24 people on it, whom all have expertise in one area or another, will be working on the same issues as the Advisory Board. The District will remain the local Government employer and will remain CCSD; The District will not be split up in districts. Rather they will develop precincts within CCSD no later than the 2018/2019. CCSD is the 5th ranked school district in population we are currently budgeted for 309,359 students. When in all actuality we have about 322,000+. We are the 7th largest geographical district spanning 8,000 square miles. The rurals are in a unique situation because we're set so far from the central office. It is in design to reconfigure the schools so that local people have more control over what's going on in the schools. There is a lot of distinction from one rural school to the next and so each school has unique needs. Funds have been provided to hire an expert who previously developed a program, much like empowerment schools, that works from the bottom to the top. The central office would work as a service agency rather than the way it is now; which is the school working as a service agency to the central office. An issue that is always brought up is the funding and bonding issue. How do we keep up with the bond? As a small district AB394 states all precincts can bond together as one; bonding will remain across the district. Dr. Larry Moses has requested that MV be recognized as a standalone precinct for the High school, Junior high, and 2 elementary schools. He is also asking that the CCSD Board be expanded from 7 seats to 9 or 11 seats, and for them to reinstate the rural representation. The CCSD student body is made up of 72% minority and 28% Caucasian. There is no representation for minorities or rurals on the Board. A few years ago the district recognized the uniqueness of various places in the district and divided administrative

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responsibility into 15 zones. We are considered the rural zone. Dr. Moses feels like this suggests that we could have 15 precincts, but instead of having the school district appoint our chief we the people would elect our chief. This raises a question, are we financially viable to support our 4 schools? According to AB394 we could have 26 million to operate the schools in our district. We would have to pay back the bond at approximately 2million a year, and would also be required to pay a 10% surcharge to the central office. Currently our schools pay about 18million a year and the school district dictates where we have to spend those funds. According to reports almost \$5 out of every \$10 goes to the central office. With that being said if we stay around 18million in spending a year then we'll be fine. There are some advantages to having precincts a couple being local voices would ensure accountability, quality programming, and use of resources, and there would be stronger partnerships between the school, parents and local businesses. A recommendation that will be made is that the money follows the student wherever they're being educated; rather than giving the school a lump sum of money. The district is required by state law to have 5% of their schools as empowerment schools. Right now the district is not in compliance with the law because they don't have any. Based on this empowerment schools are being reinstated throughout the district. A committee of locals working with the principal would make decisions on cuts, spending, programs etc. The next recommendation is the establishment of a single Moapa Valley precinct. This would be a locally elected 5 member precinct board that hires a precinct board administrator to assist the board in setting precinct policy, regulation, controlling precinct finances and managing other duties with schools. The Board is going to want members of the community to meet face to face with the expert who is coming in to help uniquely build a program for us.

- Lori Houston to give an update on the July 4th celebration: Lori unable to attend; asked Lois Hall to give update in her place. They are winding down preparations the funding is where it's expected to be. The breakfast, dinner and young patriots parade is a ready but they are still looking for donations. Event held at the fair grounds on Monday July 4th.

- TAB Members reports, **NONE**

- Liaison report,

Recognition of Commissioner Marilyn Kirkpatrick's victory at the polls. She will be on the November ballot.

Issues with dumpsters being in the right of way July 13 Moapa Valley TAB will have code enforcement come and discuss possible changes to policy.

Water Reclamation gave a written update on complaints and water usage. We look forward to them attending meetings in the future.

Proposed development by the High school doesn't fit the zoning of the area. A zoning committee will be put together to map out where responsible growth should take place.

IV. ZONING **NONE**

V. COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Second time set aside for Public Comment. Comments will be limits to three (3) minutes; the length may be extended by majority vote of the board. No Vote may be taken on any matter not listed on the posted agenda. Please step up, clearly state your name and address, and if necessary please spell your name for the record.

Janice Ridondo- has been under the impression that it is legal to burn without a permit. Come to find out it costs \$90 to get a permit that can only be obtained by going to the Russell office. Janice plans on working towards clarifying standards and safety guidelines and making it easier to do an agricultural burn in the future.

Tamara Harding- Having issues with HOA. Wants to look into rather the developer is in compliance with the county as far as standards of building. Janice said she'll get Comprehensive Planning to provide a NOFA (notice of final action). Board clarifies that the HOA is private property and the county has no jurisdiction. Water treatment plant was discussed- the developer is saying he's not responsible for the

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upkeep of the septic plant because it is a utility. Tamara strongly urges the board not to allow HOA's into Moapa Valley in the future due to the difficulty of working with them.

Ralph Starita- asking about the standard 96 gallon garbage totes. Ralph states that Republic Services isn't placing the garbage cans down gently enough which causes them to roll into the street and right away.

Also mentions that residents should not be responsible for putting reflective tape on the dumpsters seeing that people are simply renting them and Republic Services owns them and should be responsible for the dumpsters/trashcans. Ralph asked Dr. Larry Moses how much of the budget is going to pay for the kids who will be placed in private school or will be homeschooled. Moses' response is that the schools, on an average, receive approximately \$10,987 per child. He states that parents are within their rights to choose direction of education and in such cases the school will only receive money for those who are enrolled.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting is for 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, 2016 with a special call date of June 29, 2016 in the Moapa Valley Community Center.

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