



# Moapa Valley Town Advisory Board

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



**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 14, 2015 AT 7 P.M.  
MOAPA VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER, OVERTON**

MVTAB members: Chair Michael Otero, Vice-Chair Ann Markle, Marjorie Holland, Gene Houston  
MVTAB members absent: Allen Johnson, excused  
Secretary: Northeast Office Staff  
Town Liaison: Janice Ridondo, District B -  
Posting Locations: Moapa Valley Community Center; Overton Post Office; Logandale Post Office; Logandale Chevron

## MEETING MINUTES

### I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Please silence all electronic devices; and take all private conversations outside the room.
- B. Conformance with Nevada Open Meeting Law- **CONFIRMED**
- C. Invocation and pledge. **Dustin Nelson**
- D. Introduction of Clark County staff and guests: **Janice Ridondo, Liaison District B; Christopher Due, Secretary to Commissioner Collins**

### II. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

- A. Adoption of Agenda. **MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA. APPROVED. UNANIMOUS**
- B. Approval of draft minutes for October 15, 2014. **Ralph Starita** stated his name is spelled incorrectly and the exit to I-15 under discussion is 92 not 93. **MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES WITH CORRECTIONS. APPROVED, UNANIMOUS**
- C. Correspondence. **None**

### III. REPORTS

- A. Town Advisory Board committee reports. **Mike** stated that at the Fire Protection District everything is pretty much the same and running smoothly.. We asked for some equipment items which were approved. Judy would like to keep representing the TAB.
- B. Other Standing Reports:
  - 1. Administrative Services – **Janice** reported she has copies of the draft ordinance for OHV use in Moapa Valley including a list of the designated roads. This will be heard next Tuesday and the public hearing will be 2/17. She hopes for a unanimous vote for the ordinance. All of the MV TAB but AJ attend the TAB training, which she appreciated. She is supporting a change of the training in the future to on-line training.
  - 2. Parks & Recreation Services - **None**.
  - 3. Metro –**None**
  - 4. OHV – **Elise** reported on the discussion regarding the ordinance held at the BCC meeting; she thought it was very positive. There will be a safety day held at Logandale Trails on 2/28 which will focus on kids and they should be able to use this as evidence of safety training to support the ordinance.

### IV GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Comments on the BLM Resource Management Plan – **for possible action**. **Janice** reported that during a recent BCC meeting they were discussing some BLM leases and some people spoke about the Resource Management Plan; it got confusing since that was not the subject under discussion. Tom held a Town Hall on the subject and many voiced displeasure regarding the comment period. **Joe Davis** of the Moapa Valley Water District said that the District has concerns regarding the fact that the BLM had not met with the rural utilities regarding the issues they have had in the past about access to water. Under the current plan, they cannot reroute their lines through BLM land if the dace population grows. The rural utilities must be given an opportunity to discuss the issues. **Commissioner Collins** said he cannot emphasize enough that you need to comment. The BCC will have a Resolution at the next meeting requesting a year's extension plus he is going to ask the NV Association of Counties as well. They will request an independent group to participate. **Dustin Nelson** said he appreciates the length of time extension being requested. He said that the current draft does not contain a plan that is acceptable to the public. The BLM should suspend comment while a new feasible proposal is generated. We need to incorporate our current uses and perpetuate the multiple uses landscape in Nevada. They have turned a blind eye to current uses. **Lindsey Dalley**

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said he also appreciates the extension, but the alternatives do not include common usage. In looking at the Overview of the socioeconomic study he has found five fatal flaws. The Plan does not include the Water Engineer's decision on the five basins closed, the water issues surrounding the NV Test Site water contamination, or the Moapa dace. They did not list any unincorporated communities in Clark County so how can they study the impact? There is also zero discussion about the State law on St. Thomas. **Lori Houston** said that she doesn't trust the BLM. She has looked up who are in the associations commenting on this document and many don't even live in the United States. There should be here talking and listening to us. **Mendes Cooper** of the Overton Power District said he is disappointed that BLM hasn't worked more closely with them on this. Until they follow their own process of including utilities and communities they should be unable to close this process. **Cory Dalley** said he represents scouting on this issue. They as rural scouts use public lands to build boys into good citizens. The RMP does not include proposals for group uses for scouting. We need to suspend the comment period and come together to discuss proposals that will assist us and the community. **Ryan Shelton** said we should have the ability to use the BLM lands to assist in building the culture of this Valley. **Melbourne Perkins** said he opposes the closure of any of these lands because it violates our rights to prospect, us, and graze these lands. **Elise McAllister** said she has been writing down the comments so they can be summarized with the Board's. she is concerned that the RMP will eliminate the traveling in washes which has been a traditional way to travel. She is concerned about the Visual Resource Management and Wilderness Characteristics aspects of the Plan because the multiple use designations are gradually being replace with more protections. **Commissioner Collins** said to be sure to write down your comments and send them in. Don't leave it up to the BLM to determine what are roads; we should request someone, like PIC, to go out to determine roads. We need to figure out what is the least intrusive. We need to require them to extend the comment period and we need them NOT to close an area just because they do not have the resources to manage it. Send emails to all seven of the commissioners to support the Resolution. **Janice Ridondo** said that we talk about sending in comments but isn't it more important that we sit down together to decide the land use? I asked them how long they have to review the comments and he said two months. I will continue to push that we are part of the process for which alternative they choose. **Gene Houston** said there is not an option here that works. We need to be able to discuss an option that will meet our needs. They are public lands so they need to ensure the public is included. We need to include the Governor and our representatives. We need to keep them informed and send the comments to them as well so they can help. **IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED TO HAVE ELISE COMPILE THE COMMENTS AND DRAFT A LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE LOCAL BLM, THE FEDERAL BLM, THE GOVERNOR, AND OUR LEGISLATORS FOR THE TAB TO APPROVE AT THE NEXT MEETING. IN ADDITION ELISE WILL COMPILE A TEMPLATE FOR THE COMMUNITY'S AND COMMISSIONER'S USE. APPROVED, UNANIMOUS.**

**V. ZONING**

NONE

**VI. COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

- A. Street lights to be repaired. NONE
- B. Other Community Concerns & Public Comment.

**Ralph Starita** asked when the lights at the fairgrounds will be turned off. Gene stated that John Stastny had answered that question and Ralph stated he wants an answer from the top because he believes it is unacceptable for the lights to be on all the time.

**Lori Houston** requests a TAB member be a part of the Fourth of July Committee.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

If you wish to speak on an item appearing on this agenda, public comments will be heard with each agenda item, prior to the action of the Board, after receiving recognition by the Board Chair. Comments will be limited to 3 minutes; the length may be extended by majority vote of the Board. If you wish to speak to this Board about items within its jurisdiction but not appearing on this agenda, you must wait until the "Comments by the General Public" period listed at the end of this agenda.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is for 7 p.m. Wednesday, February 11, 2015 in the Moapa Valley Community Center, with a special call date of January 28, 2015.

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