



Moapa Valley Town Advisory Board

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



**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2011 AT 7 P.M.
MOAPA VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER, OVERTON**

MVTAB members: Chair- Judy Metz, Dustin Nelson, Michael Otero, Gene Houston

MVTAB members absent: None

Secretary: Northeast Office Staff

Town Liaison: Janice Ridondo, District B

Attendance:

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.
- D. Introduction of Clark County staff and guests. Janice Ridondo, Clark County Liaison; John Stastny CC Parks & Rec; John Catanese CC Public Works; Calvin Black G.C.Wallace; Rudy Malfabon NDOT; Adam Werner Water Reclamation District; Julie Chadburn Water Reclamation District; Matt Carlson Water Reclamation District; Stephanie Herman Water Reclamation District.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

- A. Adoption of Agenda. **MOTION MADE TO ACCEPT AGENDA AS POSTED, APPROVED, UNANIMOUS**
- B. Approval of draft minutes for August 10, 2011. **MOTION MADE TO APPROVE MINUTES AS WRITTEN, APPROVED, UNANIMOUS**

COMMENTS FROM GENERAL PUBLIC ON THIS AGENDA

Matt Hodkowski commented on item 4C, Parks Funding. He said that John does not have the care of nor the blue prints for the work on the park. This is not answering the question and it's not OK per Matt. He says we will not be getting the answer to the question on the park monies today.

Ron Ward said at the last meeting he addressed the pictures of the sewer. He learned they are not doing the pictures until 2012. Some of the lines must be dug up. This should have been done before the new section was put in.

Judy wanted it to be known that Mike Otero will be monitoring calls because he may have to leave on the issue that is occurring right now.

- C. Correspondence. A notice from the BLM regarding the K Road Solar right of way application. A notice from the BLM stating that the overview of the BLM Scoping Plan is available on line.

III. REPORTS

- A. Town Advisory Board committee reports. Judy did not make the Fire Protection District meeting, but she was told they have received the monies for the SNWA fire and she thanked the Chiefs who worked so hard on getting this reimbursement.
- B. Other Standing Reports:
 1. **Administrative Services** The redistricting is complete. Commissioner Collins now has all of Moapa Valley and Bunkerville in addition to Moapa. Tom went to the last Bunkerville TAB meeting. On September 21 an ordinance will be introduced to allow for the sale of produce on site in Community District 5. Victoria is working on the microphone replacement. Janice thanked all the speakers who came out tonight. Judy commented that the ordinance has been an issue out here between SNHD, Business License, and zoning. We will stay on top of this as it's a big part of this valley.
 2. **Parks & Recreation Services.** Continuing the active learning programs (2), just finished registration for adult softball, four cheer groups, one pre-school gymnastics, one leadership, the senior field trips of which we have three per month, and just finished the soccer registration and were surprised to have a larger group than usual sign up.
 3. **Partners In Conservation.** PIC attended the Gold Butte meeting in Mesquite. The Mesquite Chamber has a room dedicated to the issue. Elise requested to be on the October agenda to brief on the Roads Monitoring Project

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and to present awards to volunteers. She called Carol Cencer regarding the shooting sign. She will be working with Jesse Navarro on the issue and will report back to Carol and the TAB.

4. **ATV/OHV Use Committee.** No report

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Nominate and select a Vice Chair (for possible action)** - Judy nominated Dustin Nelson. The nomination was seconded. **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- B. Overview on Sewer System Update (presentation)**– Adam Werner talked about the status of the new gravity system, it is substantially complete and they are working on the punch list. NDOT signed off on the work. The stub-outs were installed along Moapa Valley Blvd. and are now available for hook-up. The section to the High School is out for bid. The Moapa Valley infiltration and Inflow Study got a grant from EPA for \$369,000. Per the results of the study, less than 30% of the system has issues. He has exhibits of these areas. The manhole work will be next. There are some cracks in the system, but no gushers there is water leaking into the sewer system. They are taking steps to alleviate and fix problems, ie cracked pipes; offset joints. The areas identified are in the one to two year time frame from a \$5M budget to repair. None of the problems found are emergencies, ground water is entering but not leaving the system. All the documents are at EPA for review. They videoed the entire system which resulted 132 DVDs of the system. Daily concerns were identified immediately to the District. They fixed some right away, some need capital dollars to fix. We have copies at the office and 12 sets here.
- C. Update on Parks Funding (presentation)** - John Stastny made the presentation on behalf of Real Property Management who is responsible for installing and maintaining this equipment. Any Parks money collected here stays here. This item was approved on March 1 for the removal and replacement of the existing equipment and resurfacing and covers, which are now required. Do not have specifics on the bidding process, but you can contact Chuck James or Kent Larsen of RPM for more information.
- D. By-pass road at Cooper Street crossing during bridge construction (for possible action)**– John Cantanese of Public Works advised that they have acquired the last parcel needed for the project. The plans are at 90% complete and this month will go to the Technical Advisory Committee for the funding. They can close Cooper for 6 months or they can build a by pass, gravel based road for \$115,000. The alignment will fit in the right of way acquired. There would be a pipe under the road for river flow. The MV Board believes that, for safety, they should build the by-pass road for the use of fire, police, EMTs. The speed limit would be 15 mph. Public Works spoke to the homeowners and they said shut down. Judy said that the safety organizations need access. **Public Comment:** Ron Ward said that the underpass pipe on the road can be clogged and where will people go. It was explained they would do what they do now. **IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED TO HAVE A BY-PASS ROAD. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- E. Presentation by NDOT to provide information on the Miles Traveled Fee Study** – Rudy Malfabor, Deputy Director of Southern Nevada Dept. of Transportation said they are studying a different way of collecting a fee rather than the gas tax. The system hasn't changed since 1993. Inflation has caused a decrease in spending values. Less gas usage means less gas tax collected. Phase 1 looked at charging by mile, but privacy is a big issue. This would require placing something in the car that talks to the pump. In Phase 2 they will work with the Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV) on the collection; how they would do it and how much would it cost. There are both technology issues and legal issues. NDOT asked for volunteers to test a device that would communicate to the pump. Since fuel efficiency plays a role, a fuel efficient car would probably pay more. He welcomes comments from the public and can comment on the nv.gov web site. This issue will take federal leadership, especially with a tourist economy. This won't affect the truckers so much as they pay the tax in a different way. What we want to know are the issues and challenges for urban/rural/tourists. We want to be prepared for a federal study. Since the gas tax pays for the roads this is a funding issue on a national level. The question was asked if an individual would have to pay to have the device placed in the car?
- F. Resolution to the Dept. of Interior on the use of public lands – possible action** – Elise McAllister provided the draft resolution and said this is the resolution that the Chamber used to supplement their income from Public lands. This resolution is to start the process to generate economic opportunities on Public lands. The process is difficult. The Western Senators and Representatives have just released a report on jobs. This would assist and encourage entrepreneurs. The MVTAB had asked that existing business be included, so it is. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO APPROVE. UNANIMOUS.**
- G. Letter to BLM on land nominations and releasing wilderness study areas** – Elise McAllister provided the draft of the letter. This is an opportunity for the TAB to say there is no land that qualifies as wilderness in Clark County. This is the same position that the Board has expressed in the past, and supports the land being released from the wilderness category. **IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED TO ADOPT AND SEND THE LETTER. UNANIMOUS.**

V. ZONING (Possible Action)

NONE

VI. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- A.** Street lights to be repaired. Yamashita at the high school is still out.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

According to Nevada's Open Meeting Law, it is the Board's discretion to take Public Comment during times other than during a Public Hearing or during the Public Comment Session. In all other instances, a citizen may speak on any matter before the Board after receiving recognition and consent of the Chairman of the Board. Public comment will be limited to three minutes. If any member of the Board wishes to extend the length of a presentation, the Chairman of the Board will do this by majority vote. If you wish to speak on a matter not listed as a public hearing or on a matter not posted on the Agenda, you may do so during the Public Comment Session.

- B. Other Community Concerns & Public Comment.** Gary Pearson would like the comments moved to the front. What assurances are there that pump prices would go down. Don't want to pay fee if gas not purchased in Nevada. Charge the electric fee at the plug.

Matt Hodkowski – Congratulations on getting money from SNWA. Who is following up on the Parks money.

Ron Ward – He doesn't agree with Water Reclamation presented. He asked for all the pictures. If we do not fix the problem, he will report to the EPA. Water Reclamation stated they will provide a hard drive with all the videos.

Billy Mildice – He asked how many people are hooked up to the new sewer. Is there a standby charge? Is the school going to hook up? Adam Werner stated that they were substantially complete in June so there are no new hook ups yet. The stub outs were required by NDOT not Clark County. Julie Chadburn stated there is a reduced connection rate for the conversion from septic to sewer.

Matt Hodkowski – He stated if it is not a health risk don't do it, if there is a risk don't wait a year.

Billy Mildice – He stated the money slated for Overton and Logandale parks should not go to Wittwer Park.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting is for 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 12, 2011 in the Moapa Valley Community Center with a special call date for Wednesday September 28, 2011.

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