

STAGECOACH ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 2, 2019  
STAGECOACH COMMUNITY CENTER  
8204 HIGHWAY 50 WEST – STAGECOACH, NV 89429

Call to order, determination of quorum and Pledge of Allegiance by Penny Slattery.

Present: Penny Slattery, Annette Carpenter, Cassandra Aveiro, Angela DeFord and Pete Vierra.

1. Public participation: Tina Schmidt from SGID announced they are needing a board member to apply for a vacant position. The requirements to apply include must be registered to vote and be in the (water) district.
2. For possible action: Select board officers for 2019: Angela would like to make a recommendation that Penny continue as chair, Annette as vice-chair and Cassandra as secretary. Annette moved, Pete seconded. Passed 5/0.
3. SSS report: Racer DeFord announced that on January 7<sup>th</sup> students will be going back to school.
4. For Possible Action: Approve the minutes of meeting of December 5, 2018. Pete moved, Angela seconded. Passed 5/0.
5. County Reports:
  - A. Lyon County Commissioner: N/A
  - B. Silver Springs/Stagecoach Hospital Board of Trustees: N/A
  - C. Public Safety: Sheriff Department/ NHP: N/A
  - D. Animal Services: N/A
  - E. Central Lyon County Fire and Rescue: Charlie Lawson wants a list of recommendations people would like to make for the fire dept. Lawson also announced he will not be writing column anymore, due to conservative views. Fire department gets sworn in tomorrow night.
  - F. Parks and Recreation: Randy Gahr announced they took out gates at pioneer park and fixed the north gates there. Looking for a new board member: 395,000 dollars in taxes. Duties of a parks and rec board member entail dealing with park tax fund and recommend things to go into parks, etc.

6. For possible action: Planning Issues: Dayton Valley Turf/Schaller Development: No recommendations.
7. Presentation by Willis Lamm: Willis gave a presentation about a fire adaptive community. In Nevada, fire follows rain. Nevada is not as dangerous as California or Alaska or Texas. Causes we can't control include lightning, funnel winds, etc. Infrastructure can cause wildfires. Human error can start fires. Some factors we can't control. Local firefighting resources are not unlimited. As a trend, fires are lasting longer and burning more aggressively. What can we do? Citizen involvement. The local problem? Tumbleweeds, cheat grass, etc. Local issues include rural environment and topography along with natural vegetation/ rolling and flash fuels. The central Lyon county fire protection district provides an aggressive fuels management program. Winter is the time to prepare; maintain tidy and accessible properties. Implement neighborhood self-reliance. A truly fire adaptive community starts with the community.

Diane Henzel suggested if it would be easier to break up Stagecoach into neighborhoods to implement neighborhood self-reliance/committee by neighborhood.

Lee Thompson inquired if FEMA has made a correlation between structures and the environment that causes fires and the risks.

Charles Lawson inquired about meeting with fire chief. Use pre-emergent to cut down on cheat grass.

What do people think of fire dept and what recommendations can you, the citizens, make?

Grace lives on meadow lane. Inquiring about boundary lines. No one is clearing from their fence to the road. She feels it is the fire dept responsibility to clear between road and fence.

Willis replied it is owner's responsibility within 3 feet of property line. The county does have an easement, depending on the road that can be maintained.

Betty Retzer asked what is next? What is the next step?

Willis replied we need guidance from fire dept. Some suggestions include community committee, get someone from fire prevention services, some services funded from grants.

Penny asked who in the community would be interested in pursuing this? (The whole room raised hands).

Penny asked who would be willing to work on this project? (Majority of citizens raised hands).

Penny asked do you want to follow under the CAB or do it on your own?

Willis replied ad hoc committee would be more formal but has worked in the past. The CAB overlook may not be what the citizens want.

Pete Vierra asked what the price of pre-emergent costs. For those who can't afford it, if they can negotiate a price for the whole community with the manufacturers to get a better price for the citizens within the community.

Charles Lawson stated the fire district has a fire board.

Penny would like to recommend that we do more homework on the process and figure out what needs to be done. Let's develop more research and resume at next meeting. Ideally would like to have something more concrete before presenting to the BOCC.

Timothy Wright expressed he is bagging the weeds and waste management is picking them up.

8. Public participation: Lee Thompson asked is the county aware with the planning commission what would happen with high density housing to impact fire risks?

Betty replied there is guidelines and approval needed with conditions that need to be presented before developing. Roads, water sources, etc are considered as well as how are they impacted with the housing development. She stated she declined a housing development off Dayton valley road because of the regress and egress threats on the main road and all the traffic is going to end up in the same area. Betty concluded she would inquire with the BOCC about our concerns.

9. Adjourn: 8:19 p.m.