

# Smith Valley Citizens Advisory Board

## Minutes

### February 2, 2022

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. Roll call was held with board members Maralyn Abrott, Tosca Renner, Ted Stec, and Nettie Lawson being present constituting a quorum.
3. Pledge of allegiance was led by Maralyn Abrott.
4. Public participation: Judith Harker about Hudbay Mine. Jim Kinninger about Hudbay Mine. Leslie Sonne about Hudbay Mine. John Roemer asked that there be a formal request to Hudbay to come do a presentation. (Letters and statements are attached.)
5. Review and adoption of agenda was passed 4-0.
6. Introduction was made of Ted Stec as a new board member. Tomorrow the last open board member position appointment will be made by BOCC. Nominations were held for officers of the advisory board. Nomination of Tosca Renner for Advisory Board Chair, passed by majority. Nomination of Ted Stec for Vice Chairman, passed by majority. Nomination of Nettie Lawson for Secretary, passed by majority.
7. Review of the minutes of December 8, 2022 was made. Ted advised that his last name was spelled incorrectly as Ted Spec. Correction made to Ted Stec. Roger Rodarte or Michael Palmer will be approved by Commissioners on February 3, 2022, which will fill all seats on board. Dave Hockaday stated a different day for board meeting at a previous meeting, and not the December 3, 2021 meeting. There was a question about spelling of Constantine's name. John Abrott's name needed to be removed from item 16. Minutes were passed by majority as amended.
8. For possible action: Community reports
  - a) County Commissioner-Dave Hockaday Is trying to get as much of \$5.5 million.for his area of the county, and will possibly get \$6000 of ARPA money for Wifi to go in the library and old justice court. Dave passed out certificates to Tosca Renner, Maralyn Abrott, Nettie Lawson and Roger Rodarte for

appreciation for service on the board. John Roemer asked Dave's position on Hudbay. Dave stated that he could not answer that question publicly at this time. He likes Smith Valley and will do anything he can to represent the majority of the valley. He has talked to Congressman Mark Amodei about what is going on in the valley with the mine. Jim Kinninger said a few people have tried to reach out to community relations, Andrew, and he hasn't returned calls. Dave will talk to Andrew tomorrow.

b) Planning Commission Constantine Kuzmicki absent.

c) Sheriff's report: No one in attendance, but statistics for Mason/Smith Valleys are as follows:

- 911 hangups-26
- Accidents-8
- Arrests-13
- Felonies-4
- Misdemeanors-10
- Gross Misdemeanors-3
- Alarms-3
- Animal call-11
- Assist-52
- Civil papers-35
- Criminal-15
- Domestic Violence-4
- Follow up-16
- Mental-2
- No response-3
- Non-Criminal-45
- Public Service-59
- Traffic-100
- Unclassified-15

Dave Hockaday reported department is short 11 deputies. There are five new hires currently in academy and five more to start next session. Exception was made at POST academy to have more students from Lyon County than two normally allotted.

d) Fire department-none

e) Other elected/appointed officials of Smith Valley, Lyon County or State of NV - None

9. For discussion and Possible Action: Recommendations and comments on Planning Commission Items, if any. - Public lands bill will be held on Feb. 8 at 9:00 am. A question was asked about the new bridge in Dayton. All will be discussed at the planning commission meeting.

10. For discussion and possible action regarding community projects in Smith Valley area: Doug Homestead stated that \$49,000 possibly would be available for replacing one tennis court as first project and possibly basketball court at Dressler Park. Park board is where this will be discussed.

11. Review of correspondence:

a) CAB training - Questions were asked about training times for Open Meeting Law and CAB handbook trainings. After input from board members, a report will be sent back to Erin Lopez.

b) All other correspondence and emails.were as follows:

1. Email regarding approval of manufactured home and not required 2 car garage with regard to action of BOCC. The BOCC approved the master plan of 2020 on manufactured housing.

2. Jeff Page stated that 2021 had been a year of opportunity, change and success in Lyon County and thanked everyone in communities for all their hard work. He talked about the tests for Covid and distribution.

3. Jeff shared Ken Gray is Commissioner Board Chair for 2022, Vida Keller is the Vice Chair. Both are in their second terms as commissioners.

4. Erin Lopez sent email about working on posting on Facebook when meeting dates are and include agenda link.

5. Rebecca Williams postponed a Dementia Friendly Nevada-Lyon County kickoff due to Omicron Variant to spring.

6. Public notice that there are open positions for Smith Valley Advisory Board and Smith Valley Park and Recreation.

7. Board of Commissioners is being asked to provide staff direction to proceed seeking Federal funding, securing easements and right of way, and authority to negotiate with the development community to begin the process of design and eventual construction of second bridge in Dayton. Jeff Page said the Board of Commissioners will have a busy agenda on February 3, 2022. The Board has asked for a presentation from the city of Fernley on status of lining the TCID canal. Awards and presentations to Greg Smith, John Davis, Richard Ralston, and Deputy Taylor Schairer. There were five action items to be taken care of.

8. Jeff Page shared during month of April, 2022 there will be an inaugural Poetry Festival at the Silver City Schoolhouse/Community Center. April 3 at 3pm. Poetry reading at the Silver City Volunteer Library. April 9 poetry of Irene Bruce. April 10 at 2pm David Lea will read his book at the Silver City Volunteer Library. April 24 at 2pm Shaun Griffin will read his book at Silver City Volunteer Library.

12. For possible action: Chairperson and Board Member comments Tosca Renner thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

13. Advisory Board member discussion and possible action regarding next meeting date of March 2, 2022. Maralyn Abrott asked about what happened to the meeting being moved to third Wednesday of the month. Dave Hockaday stated there was a discussion about it among the commissioners, and the motion to change meeting dates to the third Wednesday of the month was defeated. Tosca Renner announced that the next meeting will be March 2, 2022 at the school with Hudbay Minerals Representatives in attendance, Tosca has been in contact with the Hudbay representatives, Dr. Robin Titus, Jeff Page, and others for months to set up this meeting. There is a question of whether or not Hudbay will take questions. Board Members are asked to be there at 6:30 to help set up. Jeff Page will be there. Ground rules will be established with questions, if able to be asked, being limited to two minutes per person. Tosca asked that those in attendance share with their friends and neighbors about the presentation. Motion for next meeting at 7pm on March 2, 2022 passed unanimously. (4-0)

#### **Recess to convene as the Smith Valley Cemetery Board.**

14. Public participation: None

15. Update for free plots, there isn't any information on free plots. Doug Homestead and Dave Hockaday will check into this. There is hope of one new hire and possibly a second new hire in Doug Homestead's department, with the date closing February 3, 2022, for hiring. Tosca will talk to Elwood Emm regarding Indian plots. (This will be scheduled next on the May meeting agenda.) Doug reported that plot prices need to be looked at all over the county, so Josh Foli will be consulted after budget meeting in May. \$300 will remain price on plots until further notice. Continued all action on pricing, rules and regulations on plots until May meeting.

16. Cemetery Operations Updates: Maralyn Abrott stated that NDF will not be coming out any time soon because of covid and all of the work backed up in other areas. Tom Renner stated he spoke with Soil Conservation regarding grants, and they advised they don't have any money. At one point, a person was hired after the flood in 1997 to write

grants for Mason Valley and Smith Valley. He was able to acquire grants for the valleys, and it was suggested to try and find a grant writer. Ed of Soil Conservation also suggested fundraising. There is a man retiring at end of month that is an arborist and Tom was to see if he can come give advice on the trees that need to be removed or trimmed. This item will be moved to the June, 2022 agenda. Ted Stec motioned for Tom Renner to approach arborist, passed by 4-0 vote. Valley Grove Cemetery will need to be taken care of at later date.

17. Mapping and Database update: Nothing to report. The data base and online system will be completed tentatively in June 2023.

18. Financial Report: Balance in account is \$7857.38. It was moved and seconded to accept financial report as stated by Maralyn on the report from Julie in the county office.

19. Tosca Renner stated that next meeting will start with Cemetery Board asking for help with cleanup. Maralyn will contact Rotary Club to help. The cleanup day will tentatively be May 21, 2022 for Memorial Day. Motion to get 2 days for cleanup set up passed unanimously. Maralyn was directed to have dates available at the March 2, 2022 meeting.

20. Public participation: None

### **Adjourn to reconvene as the Smith Valley Advisory Board**

21. Public participation: None

22. No board member comments

23. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.