



## Mound House Advisory Board

Mound House Fire Station  
56 Red Rock Road  
Mound House, Nevada 89706

Minutes for  
Tuesday, May 2nd, 2023, 7:00 PM

Meeting called to order by Chairman Melinda Cash at 7:00 pm. The following **board members were present: Melinda Cash, Lyn Calison, Lori Trowbridge, and Jeff Trowbridge. Sarena Martin had an excused absence.**

Also in attendance, Lyon County Commissioner Wes Henderson. Commander Ortiz, Deputy Vawter, Deputy Stout, and Sergeant Redmond from the Lyon County Sheriff's Office. Members of the public: **Jeff Cash, John Diffenbaugh (also as a member of the Central Lyon County Fire Department volunteer), Darylyn Diffenbaugh, and Bud Clements. Central Lyon County Fire Department volunteers, Natasha Kennemur and Dominic Messina.**

Pledge of Allegiance

- 1) **Public Participation** : None
- 2) **Election of Officers:** Melinda Cash mentioned the board is still in need of a secretary. No action taken at this time.
- 3) **Review and adoption of the agenda:** Review and adoption of agenda for May 2nd. Lori Trowbridge made a motion to approve, Lyn Calison seconded. Passed 4/0.
- 4) **Review and approval the minutes:** The minutes for April were tabled for approval in May since there were not enough board members in attendance at the May meeting who were present at the April meeting to approve.
- 5) **Reports and/or discussions regarding the following:**
  - a. **Sheriff's Department:** Commander Ortiz introduced, Deputy Stout to discuss information on safety, Deputy Vawter, one of the 10 new trainees hired, and Sergeant Redmond. Deputy Stout stated he has worked for Lyon County since 2004 and has worked in Dayton since 2007. He currently works the graveyard shift. He discussed what the public could do to assist the sheriff's office with night-time safety, such as lock gates, close garages, and secure cars. He said no longer are they seeing smash and grab crimes, it's more crimes of opportunity. As a reminder he mentioned with the warmer temps we can expect to see more traffic on the road so we should be courteous drivers, don't use cells phone and watch for children who are out during the summer months. John Diffenbaugh asked a question about ATVs, and Deputy Stout gave a brief overview of the NRS rules as they pertain to ATV's. Sergeant Redmond discussed the Traffic Safety Grant and saturation patrols. The next saturation patrol should occur in Silver Springs in June. The one in Dayton was a success and resulted in arrests and getting drugs off the street. Overall, she said the crime rate in Mound House is actually pretty low.
  - b. **Commissioner and/or Lyon County staff report** : Commissioner Wes Henderson gave the following report; Lyon County has adopted their tentative budget. It includes hiring 5.5 FTE employees and new cars for the sheriff's office. They used contingency money to enter into a contract with the Porter Group. This is to help with getting projects and federal funding approved. He discussed the flooding in the area including Mound House and said he snow may continue to melt through September. Reservoirs are releasing water to make room for more snow melt. Coming is a discussion about possibly approving a self-storage facility in Dayton. He is going to ask that they declare May "Motorcycle Month" to help bring attention to motorcycle safety. He says he is aware that the paperwork for the community center is being worked on.
  - c. **Fire Department** : John Diffenbaugh introduced Dominic Messina and Natasha Kennemur and stated presently the three of them are the only crew that CLCFD has currently for Mound House. Dominic Messina is the new Station Captain. John gave a brief report about the new location. Date for the move hasn't been set yet. Also, everyone was reminded about the fuels management teams and trailers for fuels management.
  - d. **Public Works** : A brief discussion was held regarding the flooding that occurred on Linehan Rd. and the placement of a temporary culvert on Linehan Rd. until county staff can get in and make repairs to the existing culvert that has silted in over the years. Bud Clements stated He was told later in the summer they are supposed to come and enlarge the

culvert by his road. Melinda Cash mentioned she sent a message to county staff about the repairs needed on Linehan Rd. from the flooding but did not get a response.

- e. **Central Lyon County Parks & Recreation report:** None
- f. **MHAB Correspondence :** None
- g. **Living with Fire :** None

- 6) **Planning Commission items for Mound House :** No items for the Mound House community were scheduled on the Planning Commission for May.
- 7) **Update on the Mound House Community Center:** Jeff Trowbridge and Melinda Cash met with Doug Homestead and Judge Smith and the meeting very went well. Improvements were discussed and Doug stated he would make improvements to exterior of the building to make it look more like a community center. Also, they might be able to provide a patio area in the back for community BBQ's. Community volunteers to work on the project will not be allowed. Once the title work has been completed, we anticipate some work will begin.
- 8) **Board Training :** All board members have completed the training.
- 9) **Agenda Requests and Board Comments:** None.
- 10) **Public Participation:** Darylyn Diffenbaugh is looking for homes for horses. Please contact her if interested.
- 11) **Adjournment** 7:42 PM