

SMITH VALLEY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Smith Valley Justice Court

2 Day Lane, Smith, Nevada

1. Call to order:

Chairman Tom Renner called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Roll call: Determination of a Quorum

Present Tom Renner, Maralyn Abrott, Nettie Lawson, Roger Rodarte.

Absent excused Ted Stec

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Invocation

5. Public Participation:

- a) Dave Hockaday – Mr. Hockaday spoke as a private citizen. He advised that he did not appreciate his integrity being questioned, and the comments from the public regarding secret plans, under the table deals, and like accusations regarding Hudbay Mine do not work for him. His integrity carries to the vote of his conscience. When someone attacks his integrity and truthfulness, it is not a good idea.
- b) JoAnne Lawson stated she did not question Dave Hockaday's integrity. She was concerned that he had not attended the meeting about the mine, nor Tom Renner and the emoji that Tom Renner had used was rude and unprofessional. She stated that she had brought a petition to sign to present to the commissioners about the mine and stickers protesting the mine. She provided a website for the mine, [www. https://masonprojectnv.com](https://masonprojectnv.com).
- c) Roger Rodarte asked about sticker content and JoAnne Lawson showed them.

- d) Nancy Ferroni stated they are building on Hawk View and are concerned about water quality and drought in desert along with the Hubday Mine.
- e) Tosca Renner addressed Ms. Ferroni's concerns and explained about the meetings that had been held with both the State Water Engineer and Hubday Mine.
- f) Rick Ferroni voiced his opposition to the mine as well as water concerns. He says he feels that there is something going on because the representatives are not talking. Maralyn addressed again that general problems are being looked at, and the drought is affecting water. She shared regarding the monitoring of wells in this area. Maralyn Abrott also addressed her views on the Yerington water quality. Tom advised that the State Water Engineer is monitoring water usage in this area. Mr. Ferroni did not feel it was wise to trust in a state agency, and listed several California projects that went astray. He was advised that this state is not California.

6. For Possible Action: Review and adoption of agenda:

Nettie Lawson moved to accept the agenda and Roger Rodarte seconded and motion passed 5-0.

7. For Possible Action: Approve Minutes of May 4, 2022

Chair Tom Renner waived approval of the minutes.

8. Community Reports:

a. County Commissioner-Dave Hockaday

Stated facts about the \$6.1 million ARPA funds would be used in Lyon County. Moundhouse will be receiving funding for the community center, but not an amount sufficient to cover full costs. Dressler Park will have 1 tennis court repaired and pickleball court be installed accounting to \$50,000. Bail Reform will get \$150,000 in 2022, with that amount increasing to \$550,000 in 2022/2023. \$1.7 million has also been allocated to Smith Valley county roads for chip sealing.

Hubday Mine will possibly present to county commissioners in next few weeks and will be open to public Dave again advised that the people in attendance at the meeting will be the first to know when that meeting will be, and the meeting will be widely

announced. He also explained the process again, and that nothing has come to the county to date.

Don Smith questioned the Public Lands Bill and why there is no information available to the county or the public on the property to be sold.

Tom Renner asked if Hubbay can circumvent Lyon County and deal directly with BLM, and the answer was yes.

b. Planning Commission: Constance Kuzmicki

Stated nothing is happening in Smith Valley. Also, anything Hubbay does HAS to go through the planning commission. He will also keep citizens informed if and when any items regarding the mine come to the Planning Commission.

c. Sheriff's Office Report:

911 hangups-21, accidents-9, alarm-5, animal call 13, assist 50, civil papers-25, criminal-28, domestic violence-9, follow up-21, mental-5, no response-1, non-criminal-38, public service-56, traffic-60, unclassified-23, total arrests-15, total charges: 4-total misdemeanors:7, total gross misdemeanors:1. Another discussion is held regarding reports specific reporting to Smith Valley. Tom will contact the county.

d. Fire Department Report:

None. Dave Hockaday reported that Rob Loveberg, S.V. Fire Chief, is retiring.

e. Other Elected/Appointed Officials of Smith Valley, Lyon County or State of Nevada

None.

9. For Discussion and Possible Action: Recommendation and Comments on Planning Commission Items, if any. Planning Commission agenda of 6/14/2022 available

None

10. For Discussion And Possible Action: Review of Correspondence, Email, Other Correspondence:

a) Erin Lopez- IT group email for agenda processes and procedures to help with efforts in cross training and staffing backup. She asks all agenda requests and correspondence, posting and public participation to be sent to this email. countyclerks@lyon-county.com This email group includes Erin Lopez (County Manager Office), Shannon Juntunen (Planning Department), Sandy Shipley (Clerks Department)

b) Jeff Page-BOCC meeting 5/23/22-update and review of funding, including items removed from ARPA funding allocations.

Covered earlier by Dave Hockaday.

c) Rebecca Williams - Lyon County Active Living Senior Centers health fair is June 22, 2022 at the Fernley Senior Center, Hours 9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

d) All Other Correspondence and Email

- 1) Email from Donna Cupp from Lyon County Sheriff's Office regarding running of the Sheriff's office reporting. Report cannot be broken out between Mason and Smith Valleys automatically.
- 2) Kelli Nevills of Nevada Division of Forestry would like to present a Fire Adapted Nevada program. Robin Delaney advised the whole program had been set up previously in Smith Valley. The item will be agendized for presentation at the next meeting.
- 3) Email from Jeff Page – Review on ARPA funding – included Fair and Rodeo repair work to be done.

11. For Possible Action: To Forward A Recommendation On Monthly Training Needs and Availability to The County Manager's Office Per Erin Lopez

Chair Tom Renner reviewed email from Erin regarding training. Dave clarified the purpose of the training or a discussion session to air problems with conducting meetings. The board members are interested in attending these meetings and possibly receiving information to better handle board meetings. Suggestions included Zoom meetings. Tom will contact Erin and discuss this matter.

12. For Possible Action: Chairperson & Board Member Comments:

Chair Tom Renner shared Farm Bureau's report of upcoming legislature to change some of the water laws. Currently, Nevada owns its water and seniority permits are

honored. The proposed law changes would include more water being sent from the rural areas to Las Vegas. He asked that everyone watch legislative proposals.

13. Advisory Board Member Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Meeting Date

Maralyn Abrott motioned to plan the meeting for July 6, 2022, and if not needed, the meeting be cancelled, and Nettie Lawson seconded with 4 ayes.

Recess To Convene As The Smith Valley Cemetery Board

14. Public Participation:

Don Smith wants a standard agenda item for the Highbay Mine progress like the one Donnette Husselton had to report on water at each meeting. He said there needs to be more information about the sheriff's reports and solve the problem to find out how to get a report exclusive to Smith Valley, including who is responsible for providing them. Robyn Delaney said when an officer writes a report he could put S.V on it. Chair Tom Renner and Dave Hockaday will follow up on this.

15. For Possible Action: Update on Review of Cemetery Plot Prices, Review of Establishment of Protocol Regarding Free Plots, Review of Maintenance of the Cemetery, Including the Indian Portion, as Well as Maintenance of the Valley Grove Cemetery, Updates by Dave Hockaday, Tom Renner and Doug Homestead

Josh Foli states plot fees have not been set. There hasn't been establishment on free plots or anything with the Indian Portion. The shed is done and nice as is the bathroom. Discussion about the booster tank and pump. John and Maralyn Abrott have been cleaning and weeding the cemetery.

16. For Possible Action: Maralyn Abrott Report on Plot Sales and Request Improvements by Who and What is Requested

Maralyn Abrott said nobody has requested plot sales or improvements. Trees are getting watered. Two people were buried and 1 possible cremation.

17. For Possible Action: Update on Cemetery Operations, Maintenance and Activities, Including Report from Doug Homestead. Maralyn Abrott will Report on Cemetery Activities.

John Abrott blocked 4 water flows. Doug Homestead will send a tanker and request a price to spray weeds. Roger Rodarte shared information about weed control spray. Doug Homestead will get information. John Abrott replaced the pump on the tractor.

18. For Possible Action: Mapping and Database Update

The mapping and database is still being programmed.

19. For Possible Action: Review and Approval of Bills and Acceptance of Financial Report:

Bills have been paid. The end of June any monies left will be gone. Nettie Lawson motioned to accept the budget and Roger Rodarte seconded, passing with 4 ayes.

20. For Possible Action: Review of Clean Up Days and Progress with Community Involvement

This has been addressed. Maralyn Abrott said this was the best cemetery has ever looked and what great help the Renner children were. Julie Perumean sent a message saying thank you and the historical value is significant.

21. Public Participation:

None

Adjourn to Reconvene as Smith Valley Citizens Advisory Board

22. Public Participation:

It was reported that someone is trying to steal gas at Dressler Park.

23. Board Member Comments:

None.

24. Adjourn

Nettie Lawson motioned for meeting to end and seconded by Maralyn Abrott with motion passed.