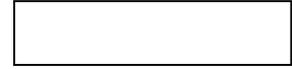




Mound House Advisory Board

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

Minutes for
Tuesday, August 2, 2022, 7:00 PM



Meeting called to order by Chairman Melinda Cash at 7:00 pm. Four **board members present, Melinda Cash, John Diffenbaugh, Lyn Calison, Darylyn Diffenbaugh. Lori Trowbridge, excused absence.**

Guests: Lyon County Commissioners Wes Henderson, and the following members of the public: **Bill Miles, Bud Clements, Jeff Cash, Rae Ann Stevenson, Eric Opermayr, Peggy Quid, Alexia Sober, Danny Coons, Phil Cowie, Daniel Kappes, Corrado De Gasperis, Chris Peterson, Zac Spencer and Ryan Coons.**

Pledge of Allegiance

- 1) **Public Participation** : None
- 2) **Review and adoption of the agenda**: For August 2, 2022. John Diffenbaugh made a motion to approve, Lyn Callison seconded. Passed 4/0.
- 3) **Review and approval the minutes**: From the MHAB meeting of July 5, 2022. Lyn Calison made a motion to approve, John Diffenbaugh. Passed 4/0.
- 4) **Reports and/or discussions regarding the following**:
 - a. **Sheriff's Department**: None
 - b. **Commissioner and/or Lyon County staff report** : Commissioner Wes Henderson discussed the following:
 - Attending Nat'l Assoc. of Counties in Colorado
 - Title 15 Street name change and zoning for indoor shooting range
 - Letter to support installing a traffic light on Hwy 50 and Traditions
 - c. **Fire Department** : John Diffenbaugh reported on the following:
 - Update of fuels crew in Truckee
 - New Type 4 Wildland Fire vehicle
 - d. **Public Works**: None
 - e. **Central Lyon County Parks & Recreation report**: None
 - f. **MHAB Correspondence** : Nothing pertaining to Mound House
 - g. **Living with Fire** : None
- 5) **Discussion and possible action regarding Conditional Use Permit for CAN-2022-166, LINCO Corporation**: Chris Peterson made a presentation on the LiNiCo Storage Project as follows: storage of material is not allowed at the same location as being recycled, allows just-in-time processing of material, only material that cannot be sent to its final destination would be diverted to the temp storage, temp storage is needed when facility has met daily capacity for processing. Each of the three phases should create 3 to 7 jobs. This would be a short-term used lithium-ion battery storage facility. The proposed site is a prior mine, quarry, with V&T easement. Types of material to handle, EV batteries, electronic batteries, grid batteries, previously sorted battery material, off specification battery materials. The facility will be staffed 24/7, use heat imaging to segregate potential problems, "hot" material storage will allow for cooling of segregated units, site has water from well and storage tank, and they will have fire suppression with lined pond for treatment and disposal. They will have full compliance with State Regulators (NDEP) & Federal Oversight (EPA-RCRA). Traffic will be from 20 up to 160 trips per day depending on phase. Facility will be monitored and fenced.

Public Comments: Bud Clements: raised the issue of fire

John Diffenbaugh: asked if they were going to have a fire brigade since Mound House does not have a manned fire department, only volunteer, and no ambulance.

Bill Miles: asked what would be the response time for a fire, he felt this is not a good location, there will be an issue with the right-a-way with BLM, the current access is not a dedicated road, it's a private road, a large distance from storage to facility, traffic congestion on Highway 50, close proximity to Silver City, high price of fuel, overall, it would be a detriment to the community and adjoining properties.

Phil Cowie: Raised concerns that a reclamation bond should be required in case the business should cease and leave batteries on the property. Also, the access road is just dirt and would need to be improved up to the BLM access.

Dan Kappas (Owner of Property): stated as long as the property was used for mining applications, BLM access was not an issue, but he is unclear what would be required if the property is used for other purposes.

John Diffenbaugh: raised the issue of the impact of emergency response would have on all the communities especially with staff shortages and would tie up resources. And the required water storage needed on-site.

Danny Coons: issues regarding the access road conditions, steep and unimproved.

Melinda Cash: explained a vote had already been taken by the board to recommend denial of the permit at the July meeting which had been properly posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law and apologized there seemed to be a breakdown in communication. Her issues are possible fumes from a fire and possible evacuations, and then the water used to fight the fire would be contaminated and how would that be stored to prevent wildlife or the public from being exposed to it. Also, the lack of a storage facility will expose the batteries to the elements and danger from wildland fires.

Lyn Calison: concerned about a fire possibly causing evacuations.

Daryllyn Diffenbaugh: concerned about the speed of the fires and danger to wildlife.

Corrado De Gasperis: he explained they would prefer to not do any storage at the facility and it would be used as an on needed basic. This facility would address the legal requirements they must have a storage facility separate from the recycling facility. They feel this would be a good site as it a remote site and is the most improved. Their company has always stressed safety and they have won awards for reclamation, restoration, and safety. They support safety and the points of safety of a fire is it be easily accessible, identifiable, and containable. He stated the fire department does not want the batteries in an indoor facility. Also, it possible this property could have other uses in the future. They have done clean-up on the property and fenced and added boulders to prevent the public from gaining access to the property. Their traffic study shows that even if they operated at full capacity, 160 trucks a day, it would only be about 10% of the current truck traffic on Industrial Rd. There is the potential no batteries will be store at the facility and they will not be stock piling.

Bud Clement: raised the issue of the batteries being explosive, and batteries could be exposed to target practice which could cause fires.

Bill Miles: suggested locating the plant in Silver Springs or American Flats. This is a good idea in a bad location. Also, bad for the tourists on the V&T railroad. It lacks any contribution to the Lyon County tax base.

Ryan Coons: resident with the closet home to the site. Worried about water contamination of his spring water.

Eric Opermayr: Silver City resident, expressed concerns about the community of Silver City being located about 1 mile from the storage facility and the concern that fumes could travel downwind to their community. Also do they know what the chemical composition of the smoke would be.

Bill Miles - questioned the toxic gases from fires, and he would like to see a report regarding this issue included in future write-ups for this facility. A discussion about the type of toxic gases took place.

Alexia Sober: wondered about the lithium fires at the dumps and if Waste Management would be a source on how to handle the fires.

John Diffenbaugh: Lithium is rather new and finding the information regarding these types of fire is difficult, as there is none in the fire departments information they use for the fire department. Further he feels this type of business would have little economic impact to Lyon county.

Eric Opermayr: asked why they are required to store the batteries separate from the recycling facility.

Bill Miles: stated if they would seek a storage location at the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center, all of the permits are already in place as there are no residences in that location and this company could avoid this process.

The discussion was concluded. The prior motion made in July 2022 to recommend to deny still stands.

A five-minute recess was called at 8:41 PM. Meeting called back to order at 8:51 PM.

- 6) **Update on the Mound House Community Center:** Commissioner Wes Henderson provided a report that the county is looking at trading the Stagecoach fire station with this building and the county could use the \$300,000 approved in ARPA funds for engineering for a new building on the 2-acre parcel donated to the community for a community center could be used instead to retro-fit the Mound House Fire Station into the Community Center. At this time none of the \$300,000 approved in ARPA funding will be used for engineering plans to build a new center. Discussions are currently taking place between Lyon County and

Central Lyon County Fire regarding this. At this time, no one from the Mound House Advisory Board has been included in these discussions. Melinda Cash questioned why the county is not looking into funding such as the Community Block Grant and other resources to raise the money to build a new building. Wes said they must look at what would benefit the whole county. Rae Ann Stevenson questioned why we could not look at the prior plans that were drawn up by Lyon County for a new building on the two acres and she was told they are too old. Wes concluded that the community would be kept informed and any final decision would have to be approved by the Commissioners.

- 7) **Discussion and Action regarding a Mound House Community Bar-be-cue:** Discussion postponed.
- 8) **Agenda Requests and Board Comments:** None
- 9) **Public Participation:** Rae Ann Stevenson mentioned we are still waiting for the school bus sign to be installed.
- 10) **Adjournment** 9:10 PM