



Mound House Advisory Board

Mound Community Center
56 Red Rock Road
Mound House, Nevada 89706

Minutes for
Tuesday, October 3, 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 Callison, Lori Trowbridge, Jeff Trowbridge. One position vacant.**

Also in attendance, Commissioner Wes Henderson, Commander Abel Ortiz, with the Lyon County Sheriff's Office, and members of the public: **Jeff Cash, Darylyn Diffenbaugh, John Diffenbaugh, Rae Ann Stevenson, Bud Clements, Tony Stephenson, Jim Kinninger, Jina Kinninger, and Judith Harker.**

Pledge of Allegiance

- 1) **Public Participation** : Judith Harker, member of the Lyon County Library Foundation invited everyone to the 5th Annual Masquerade Ball at the Dayton Valley Golf Course on October 21, 2023.
- 2) **Review and adoption of the agenda**: Review and adoption of agenda for October 3, 2023. Jeff Trowbridge made a motion to approve the agenda, Lyn Callison seconded. Passed 4/0.
- 3) **Review and approval the minutes**: Review and approval of the minutes for September 5, 2023. Lyn Callison made a motion to approve the minutes, Jeff Trowbridge seconded. Passed 4/0.
- 4) **Board vacancy and applications**: The current board vacancy and application needed turned in to the county were discussed.
- 5) **Reports and/or discussions regarding the following**:
 - a. **Sheriff's Department**: Commander Ortiz said for the month of September they received 1023 calls and made 45 arrests. He said they are receiving a lot of calls about seniors being victimized from fraud. As a reminder the Sheriff's Office will never call anyone about warrants and if you feel you are being defrauded or your identity has been stolen, contact the Sheriff's Office.
 - b. **Commissioner and/or Lyon County staff report** : Commissioner Wes Henderson stated the county has authorized submitting a letter supporting the City of Fernley regarding the litigation with the Bureau of Reclamation regarding the canal issue. He also recently attended the Nevada Association of County conference (NACO). He left information regarding taking a survey on hazard mitigation.
 - c. **Fire Department** : None
 - d. **Public Works** : None
 - e. **Central Lyon County Parks & Recreation report**: None
 - f. **MHAB Correspondence** : None
- 6) **Presentation and discussion given by the County Manager Andrew Haskins on the proposed Lyon County Lands Bill**. The County Manager Andrew Haskins gave a presentation on the Lyon County Lands Bill. Only two pieces of property affect Mound House area and both pieces of property currently have Lyon County structures on them. By acquiring these two pieces of property it would avoid the county having to paying leases on these properties to BLM.
- 7) **Planning Commission items for Mound House** : No items for the Mound House community were scheduled on the Planning Commission for October.
- 8) **Update on the Mound House Community Center**: Doug Homestead provided an update: a mop sink will be installed, and the exhaust hoses will be removed. The heater will be check and the building will be sprayed for spiders. Its possible new LED lights will be installed in the bathrooms. The County Manager, Andrew Haskin said they are looking into applying for grants with USDA to help with the cost of the remodel since the \$300,000 awarded in ARPA funds is not enough to cover the cost of the remodel which came in closer to \$600,000. He said the county is currently looking at all ways to fund the project and working with the architect to come with plans that will fit within the funds we have available. The building is currently not available for lease.

- 9) **Cookies with Santa:** An update was given regarding the Cookies with Santa event that will take place at the Community Center on Dec. 16th from 4 pm to 6 pm. The following has been confirmed: Santa, photographer, and brochures. Still needed are worker volunteers to help with the event and set-up and tear down, and donations of cookies, drinks, decorations and craft items.
- 10) **Agenda Requests and Board Comments:** A request for NDOT to attend a future meeting to discuss improvements for Highway 50 in Mound House will be made. No other requests from the board were made.
- 11) **Public Participation:** Darylyn Diffenbaugh discussed getting property watch forms to used when you are going out of town.
Jim Kinninger and Jina Kinninger from Smith Valley discussed the Hubbay Minerals Smith Valley Project.
- 12) **Adjournment** 8:30 PM