

Notice of Meeting and Agenda



**Gerlach/Empire
Citizen Advisory Board**

Meeting Agenda

February 9, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Gerlach Community Center, 410 Cottonwood, Gerlach, NV 89412

ZOOM available: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89512522858>

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Public comment and time limits. Public comments are welcomed during the General Public Comment period for all matters, whether listed on the agenda or not, and are limited to three minutes per person. Additionally, public comment will be heard during individually numbered action items on the agenda. Persons not attending in person, including anyone attending via online option, are invited to submit comments in writing on agenda items to be included in the written record/minutes from the meeting, or attend and make verbal public comment on that item at the Citizen Advisory Board meeting. Public comment, letters, etc. submitted will not be read aloud. Persons may not allocate unused time to other speakers.

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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – Comment heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the agenda. The Citizen Advisory Board will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to three minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Board as a whole. (non-action item)

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETINGS OF [JANUARY 12, 2023](#) (for possible action)

~~**5. ORMAT TECHNOLOGIES UPDATE** – A representative from Ormat Technologies, Inc. will provide an update regarding geothermal exploration planning. [non-action item]~~

6. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT UPDATE - James Boerigter, Field Manager, Black Rock Field office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), will be available to listen to residents of Gerlach/Empire and provide information and answers regarding the BLM review process, environmental assessment, and decision record pertaining to the Ormat Technology exploratory drilling project. [non-action item]

7. COMMISSIONER AND BOARD MEMBER ITEMS — This item is limited to announcements and/or requests for future agenda items by CAB members and potential general announcements from the county commissioner and county manager/assistant county manager. (non-action item)

8. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – Comment heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the agenda. The public is encouraged to submit a “Request to Speak” form to the Board chairman. Comments are to be addressed to the Board as a whole. (non-action item)

ADJOURNMENT