



Warm Springs Citizen Advisory Board

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Minutes of the regular meeting of the Warm Springs Rural Citizen Advisory Board held on September 14, 2022, at Regional Shooting Facility, 21555 Pyramid Highway, Palomino Valley

1. CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM [Non-Action Item] – Chair Marshall Todd called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Susan Ambrose, Marshall Todd, Karenne Smith, Hugh Ezell, Kevin Cook, and alternate at-large members Pam Roberts and Larry Chesney.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE [Non-Action Item]

3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT –

Wanda Wright spoke about issues with mail service. She would love to get someone from the post office to attend the meeting.

George asked if the County has any intention to lower the sales tax. The County gets a windfall and should give back to the public.

Pam Roberts spoke about library programs that offer services to the community.

Kathryn Snidegar proposed terminating the GID and suggested changing them under NRS 320.

Greg Dennis provided a Palomino Valley Property Owners Planning Questionnaire.

4. WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE – General Community Update. [Non-Action Item]

5. TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT – Joe Schum provided a general community update. District 4 and 450, 18 incidences last month in Palomino Valley from pebble creek to Tribal Lands. 3 were fires, 8 EMS, 7 good intent calls. Wildland fuels update includes, NV Energy should begin work in the winter. Green waste days will be held at the equestrian center on the 22nd and 23rd at Lazy 5 Regional Park. He encouraged community members to heed evacuation notices when there is a fire. In response to Ms. Snidegar, Mr. Schum spoke about experiencing challenges with evacuation in Palomino Valley with horse trailers.

Ms. Ambrose noted we are a fire-wise community but look forward to the additional resources.

Mr. Cook asked if the call details were available online. Mr. Schum noted it would be a HIPA violation. In response to Mr. Cook's question, Mr. Schum said calls include Moon

Rocks. Mr. Cook asked about looting precautions when evacuation orders are in place. Mr. Schum spoke about partnering with law enforcement and roadblocks with ID checks.

Kelly Echeverria, Washoe County Emergency Manager, spoke about long-term law enforcement presence after a wildfire.

Ms. Wright asked if there was assistance for someone who needed help loading green waste. Mr. Schum said he would get back to her with a response. He said the boy scouts have helped in the past and can look into it.

Mr. Ezell asked for the details of the fires. Mr. Schum said he didn't have the details.

6. CAB CHECK-IN – Washoe County Manager Eric Brown requests feedback from the community regarding the CAB program.

7. WINTER PREPAREDNESS PANEL AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN THE WARM SPRINGS/PALOMINO VALLEY AREA – Learn about how to prepare for winter, including winter emergencies. Hear from Kelly Echeverria, Emergency Manager, Washoe County; Eric Crump, Washoe County Operations Division Director; Chris Smallcomb, Meteorologist in Charge from the National Weather Service, on how to be proactive and what to do when you must be reactive.

Kelly Echeverria addressed Ms. Wright's question about assistance with green waste. She said she understands there is a gap in the programs.

Kelly Echeverria introduced herself and provided a Slideshow PowerPoint.

Larry Chesney asked about texts/call notices to alert. Ms. Echeverria spoke about signing up for the alert system 'Code Red' – ReadyWashoe.

Ms. Wright had questions regarding Truckee Meadow Fire Protection District ambulance services and billing. Mr. Schum explained the services, billing, and budgeting. After the meeting, he offered to connect with her to address her specific questions.

Mr. Ezell asked about notifications for NV Energy outages. Ms. Echeverria spoke about scheduled outages having advance notices. In emergencies, there are no notices.

Ms. Snidegar said our lifestyle is different from the rest of the area. She said there is a ¼ mile between us and the next house. She said the cattle and horse evacuation is challenging. Ms. Echeverria noted there are resources to help. She encouraged them to reach out to resources that help with large animal evacuations.

She encouraged everyone to visit the new website: Emergencywashoe.com

8. SEPTIC TANKS & GROUND WATER - Washoe County Health District Environmental Health Specialist Supervisor, David Kelly spoke about septic tanks and ground water. He spoke about septic regulations with parceling. As a parcel existed in

2001, you can do 3, 1-acre lots. If you come back after that, the minimum goes to 5-acres for septic regulations. Mr. Kelly spoke about parcel maps review by the Health Department. 2001 was the last time the regulation was updated. Mr. Cook said we are on a 40-acre, and asked if they could have more than one septic. Mr. Kelly said yes, but there are building regulations. Minimum of 1 acre per septic.

Mr. Kelly said septic regulations vary with jurisdictions. He spoke about setbacks to help prevent contamination of groundwater. He spoke about soil conditions and groundwater testing during subdivisions. He said tests had been done in the SPA. He said they are fast soils out there. The developed areas run 150-200 feet at static water level. Well logs are available on the Division Water Resources website.

He said these are sandy soils and encourage shallower to provide more distance. You want an increased separation.

He spoke about septic design and said fast soils increase the distance to prevent contamination.

Ms. Wright asked when meters would be put on the wells. Mr. Kelly said he didn't know anything about that. He said the health district is concerned with well-development placement, with a permission from the state, and proper construction. He said we aren't involved with water rights.

9. PALOMINO VALLEY GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT - Community input and possible recommendations to Washoe County and the Palomino Valley General Improvement District (GID) regarding issues to address future funding needs and possible mechanisms to incorporate into the Warm Springs Area Plan and Warm Springs Special Area Plan (SPA) updates. Presentation and request for feedback from Greg Dennis, PVGID President, and local Warm Springs resident.

Mr. Dennis provided a PowerPoint slideshow.

Mr. Ezell said we are doing the same amount of roads with the same limited budget. Mr. Dennis said there are trucks and more road impacts on the private roads.

Mr. Todd said we bought our homes based on the conditions at the time. He said an impact fee makes sense, especially for SPA new construction. Mr. Dennis said we did have one, but the judge required the money to be returned when the HOA dissolved. Mr. Todd asked if an impact fee could be placed on the new residence. Mr. Dennis said the 40 acres still use the same old roads. How do you make it fair? We don't have enough money. He said the Average Daily Impact of traffic on the road deteriorates the roads.

George said the solution is the government should give the gas tax. They could count the cars.

10. CAB MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS — This item is limited to announcements and/or requests for future agenda items by CAB members and/or Commissioner Jeanne Herman. [Non-Action Item]

Ms. Smith requested a follow-up on Kelly's presentation about evacuating large animals.

Mr. Ezell requested an update from TMWA Feasibility to get an update. Ms. Ambrose provided a brief update on the status of the feasibility study.

Commissioner Herman thanked Mr. Dennis for his informative update. She said the area plan is coming up soon. We need to work fast if we want to do anything. She suggested forming a committee. She said she could set up a meeting with people at the County to start the process. She said she spoke with the County Manager and Eric Young and was pleased with what she heard about keeping the valley agriculture.

11. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT –

Pam Roberts encouraged the CAB to limit the number of presentations to two to help with meeting length. She said the presentation from the GID was informative. There are the same number of houses being built on 40-acres as there are in the SPA. She said if the TMWA water project goes through, the agriculture would remain agriculture and not be developed. She said if there were a subdivision built, they would be required to build their own access and roads. They wouldn't necessarily be using Whiskey Springs. They would have to have a water system, sewage package system, access, and roads. She said she believes the reason why they haven't developed; they understand the costs of developing. All of the roads in the SPA that are being utilized, except for the Courts, aren't maintained. Broken Spur, Amy Rock, and Whiskey Springs are in the SPA. Those roads existed before the SPA was developed. When will there be new roads? She said they didn't believe the GID should be responsible. Regarding fairness, anything imposed is inside and outside the SPA.

George said TMWA water development should be put to the vote of the people. They aren't building the pipeline if they don't think they are making a profit on it. The valley will be developed.

Commissioner Herman asked if the meeting schedule would be changed to be held once a month. Mr. Todd said that would be on a future meeting agenda.

Ms. Ramos announced the next meeting would be hybrid capable.

ADJOURNMENT – the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.