



## BEATTY WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JULY 24, 2024

Frank Jarvis – Board Chair  
Derek Stonebarger – Vice-Chair  
David Bryan – Secretary/Treasurer

Albert Verrilli – Member  
Amina Anderson – Member

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ITEM #	SUBJECT
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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

*Call to order at 4:09 pm. Refer to sign in sheet for public attendees.*

2. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – Three-minute time limit per person for matters both on and off the agenda. No action will be taken by the Board.**

*Bruce Jabbour – Reads off letter from developers Tom Smith and Mike Lach. (Attached to minutes.)*

*Erika Gerling – Welcomes Joel Murphy on behalf of Advisory Board and would like him to attend a meeting.*

*Steve Yopps – Corvus Gold Nevada would also be interested in the lease or purchase of some of the water rights in Sacrobatus depending on some of their project configurations.*

3. **Approval of the agenda for Beatty Water and Sanitation District Meeting July 24, 2024. (Non-action item)**

*Approved.*

4. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – Approval of the minutes for May 22, 2024.**

*Motion to approve by Derek Stonebarger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Bryan. 4 yeas.*

5. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – Approval of the minutes for May 30, 2024.**

*Motion to approve by Derek Stonebarger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amina Anderson. 4 yeas.*

6. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – Approval of the minutes for June 13, 2024.**

*Correction on page 2 item 6 all the money not on. Motion to approve with correction by Amina Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Bryan. 4 yeas.*

7. **PRESENTATION: OFFICE REPORT – Update from Office Staff, Nye County and/or Utilities Services regarding system breaks, illegal and new connections, and system projects update. No action will be taken by the Board.**

*Marty Ugalde – Temporary storage tanks are on site. Doesn't know status of connection. Telemetry will be moved and valve replaced. New lid on valve casing. Waiver has been approved. Booster tank should take around 6 weeks.*

*Joel Murphy – Backflow certification letters will be going out. Raj came out and everything looks good. Lead and Copper Inventory will be assisted by RCAC. Getting a list together. Extension approved for Sacrobatus Flat. Current vehicle that is not being used by Beatty Water and has several issues. There is an employee currently interested in purchasing it.*

**8. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – Discussion, Deliberation and Possible Decision on extension of time for Will Serve on 311 W Main Street, requested by Jon DeLee.**

*Jon DeLee – Had several discussions with Chad and had met him onsite and picked out a location where the sewer line was supposed to be installed by Beatty Water. He missed the last agenda deadline by a couple of days, but would certainly still like to get it done. Motion by Amina Anderson to approve the extension for a year, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Derek Stonebarger. 4 years.*

**9. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – Discussion, Deliberation and Possible Decision on approving Indebtedness Report and Capital Improvement Plan.**

*No new debt, loans, or updated policy. Amina mentions changing the capital assets and projects numbers. Motion to approve by Derek Stonebarger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Bryan. 4 years.*

**10. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – Discussion, Deliberation and Possible Decision on approving Distribution 4 certification salary raise of \$2000 for general manager Joel Murphy.**

*Frank Jarvis – In his hire information it listed \$2000 per certification and there are three possible certifications. Frank thanks Joel for getting it. Amina says he already had the certification and what was discussed was the other certifications. Discussion between Joel and Amina on what was stated and what the certifications that are needed are and how they work. Frank says he needed to get it transferred over here and by doing that we would eliminate the cost of paying Leroy with Utility Services. Amina says transferred from where? Nevada? Amina's understanding was he would get a raise for the certifications he was lacking not for what he already had. Joel says that is not how the offer letter reads. Frank's understanding was that he would get a raise for each, distribution, treatment and wastewater. Amina restates what they all had previously discussed about the incentive being for the certifications he needed not what he already had. Frank says the conversation was about having the incentive for all three and eliminating some of the cost with Leroy and only paying him for Treatment and Wastewater. Question to Derek if that is how he remembers it and he says yes. He tells Amina to make a motion, let it go to a vote and if needed they will*

readdress it. Erika Gerling (public comment) – If they have the minutes, they can take a minute to look back and refresh their memories. Derek Stonebarger makes a motion to approve the Distribution 4 certificate salary raise of \$2000 for GM Joel Murphy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Bryan. 3 yeas, 1 nay (A. Anderson.)

**11. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – Discussion, Deliberation and Possible Decision on the proposal from Beatty Investments in paying for 2 public fire hydrants to go in specified locations at 317 W Amargosa Street and 175 W McDonald Street.**

Frank Jarvis – Purpose of those is for one to go near the Townhouses that are in progress on Third Street and the second one to go between two lots along US 95 between McDonald and Amargosa Street for possible future investments. Beatty Investments will pay for the installation of both of those. Frank speaks on behalf of David and himself on conflict since they work for the Stagecoach. Brian Kunzi thanks them for disclosing that information, but should be no conflict as it is going to be a public fire hydrant. Motion by David Bryan to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Derek Stonebarger. 4 yeas.

**12. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY- Discussion on Meter Change Out pilot program and possible list of properties to install new meters.**

Joel Murphy – believes this would help as far as getting accurate readings. 85% is ¾ residential meters. Hoping for a couple of volunteers on the larger meters to run some pilot programs. One thing they can do is change out all residential meters. Frank comments they can start with 2-inch meters. Might see a jump on the bills. Need to get the funding going and all the parts ordered. Public notices will go out. Frank comments on seeing a decrease of usage in the past year, brought up during the budget audit. Amina mentions remote meters talked about previously for SRF funding. Joel doesn't think it is beneficial doing that for what the cost is since it only takes the guys a day and a half. Amina explains it's principal forgiveness. There has been phases, right now its distribution lines. Goldfield put in for it and it covered everything plus extra meters and all the software.

Erika Gerling (public comment) – asks if the District will take the cost and not on the rate payers. They said yes.

**13. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS –Announcements or topics / issues proposed for future workshops and agendas. No action will be taken by the Board.**

Derek Stonebarger – Can officially take down manager job post.

Amina Anderson – Desert Research Institute (DRI) is completely done with their study. They are able to cover the electrical costs. Will give presentation on their data.

Brian Kunzi – Commissioners Board has now instructed his office to take legal action to

shut down the construction that has been going on for quite some time now. They are hazardous. Building right across from Family Dollar. There will be action taken to get those torn down.

**14. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – Schedule next Board of Trustees meeting date and time.**

Motion to schedule for August 21, 2024 at 4:00 pm by Derek Stonebarger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Bryan. 4 yeas.

**15. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – Three-minute time limit per person for matters both on and off the agenda. No action will be taken by the Board.**

Erika Gerling – Asks what the letter that is going to be going out is for. Joel says that is for the backflow certifications. Asks if 311 is the lot next to her and Frank says yes. Welcomes Joel once again and will be sending BTAB meeting information to him.

Jeannie Ybarra – Asks if there was an update on the Rate Study that they were doing or the unit count audit on some of the places. Frank says not yet, Joel just got here. Jeannie says the rate study was being done by McArthur. Joel says he has reached out, but no response back yet, but he is aware of it.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Translated By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: August 01, 2024

**Signature Approval of the Minutes**

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Frank Jarvis

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Derek Stonebarger

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