

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CHURCHILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

155 No. Taylor Street, Fallon, Nevada  
October 19, 2016

### CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Churchill County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 1:15 p.m. on the above date by Chairman Olsen.

PRESENT: H. Peter Olsen, Jr., Chairman  
Carl Erquiaga, Vice-Chairman  
Harry Scharmann, Commissioner  
Benjamin D. Shawcroft, Civil Deputy District Attorney  
Eleanor Lockwood, County Manager  
Alan Kalt, Chief Financial Officer  
Kelly G. Helton, Clerk of the Board  
Pamela D. Moore, Deputy Clerk of the Board

ABSENT: None

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the board and public.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman Olsen inquired if there were any public comments on issues that were not listed on the Agenda but there were none.

### VERIFICATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA:

It was verified by Deputy Clerk Moore that the Agenda for this meeting was posted on the 13th day of October, 2016, between the hours of 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. at all the locations listed on the Agenda in accordance with NRS 241.

### ACTION ITEMS:

#### AGENDA:

**Commissioner Erquiaga made a motion to approve the Agenda as submitted.  
Commissioner Scharmann seconded the motion, which carried by  
unanimous vote.**

#### MINUTES:

None presented.

#### APPOINTMENTS:

THE BOARD MAY REQUIRE THE PROVISION OF AN OATH OR AFFIRMATION BY ANY PERSON PROVIDING ORAL TESTIMONY AT A PUBLIC HEARING.

#### **Consideration and possible action re: Update of current activities, plans, or actions related to the Carson City District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).**

Carla James, Acting Field Director for the Stillwater Field Office, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), reported that the Dixie Meadows Geothermal Power Plant Environmental Assessment (EA) will be ready for review in November or early December. The Rebel Rally started October 14<sup>th</sup> and will run through Saturday October 22, 2016. It's an all-women's navigational event. Also BLM will be staffing for the Sand Mt. Fee Booth for the Halloween events. Commissioner Scharmann commented that he would like to know what other programs are available.

County Manager Lockwood asked, as we start moving into the fall and winter months, is there a particular oversight BLM does during these months such as working with grazing permittees or any other permittees or is that a more annual activity. Carla James stated that they do periodic monitoring throughout the year to those range allotments that and try to work with permittees.

Chairman Olsen asked where the Dixie Meadows permit is in relation to the existing power plant. Ms. James stated that it is maybe 15 miles south.

Chief Financial Officer Kalt asked her to speak to the timeline of that EA process related to when Dixie Meadows and Ormat may move forward with that project if things go well. Ms. James said it usually takes a while after we've concluded the EA associated with those geothermal plant proposals before the company actually does construction. They may be doing some more drilling to try to hone in on the location of their production wells and other things, so it could take a while. CFO Kalt asked if they have expiration and production wells already on site. Ms. James said they do and they are out there drilling and feel, at this point, they have a pretty good idea but, again, they might do some other drilling just to hone in on the locations and fine tune their power plant. This item was provided for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

**Consideration and possible action re: Update on The Arts Center 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser for the Arts**

Patricia K. Sammons, Executive Director of The Arts Center, reported that they had more teams one of which was from the County, which was part of the donation but they had wonderful weather. They are already booked for the June event next year and they upgraded the prizes. For their first tournament they had keychains with bullets on the end and that didn't go over very well but everybody was generous about that. This year, they were able to reach out to local establishments and the first prize was dinner for four at the Slanted Porch. Second prize was from Johnnies Deli. Third place was a cash prize. Those were all upgrades. They are working on a new website so they can do better advertising and printing but they had a bigger turnout overall. They like working with the golf course and think that what they bring is people from the art community who don't necessarily play golf. They are reaching out to other rural communities to come forward and play. They are also establishing with the college, some art projects and workshops and bringing ideas that involve working with the golf course in the future. They will be approaching you again for some support and will have some ideas that we will present to the board at a later date.

Commissioner Scharmann said it looks like they made about \$4600, so he asked what they do with that. Ms. Sammons said they have a budget and what they don't spend on expenses, which ate up a lot of that, they put in the general fund and use it for other events. For instance we have partnered with the college to give art classes and workshops. They work with the Churchill Community Coalition to provide some scholarship programs and those are ongoing. They have a poster contest going right now about healthy lives and, in January, there will be an awards program for best poster at the old Fallon Theater.

Chairman Olsen asked if there was any public comment but there was none. This item was presented for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

**Consideration and possible action re: Update on activities by the Fallon Animal Welfare Group.**

Michelle Ippolito, Executive Director of the Fallon Animal Welfare Group (FAWG), reported that the county was kind enough to grant \$1000 from last year's budget and they have used it. She thinks the results are really looking good. She provided an operations report with annual numbers for 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and monthly data for 2016. They have done about