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Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board

**** Chair Nona Kellerman ** Vice-Chair Jessica Evertsen ** Member Charles Bledsoe ****

Minutes

August 12, 2020

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Nona Kellerman called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m. The meeting was held telephonically in accordance with the Governors Directives 006, 016, 018, 021, 026 and 027. Member Bledsoe motioned to approve the agenda; Chair Kellerman seconded the motion. Motion carried (2-0).

B. ROLL CALL:

Chair Nona Kellerman, Member Charles Bledsoe were present. Vice-Chair Jessica Evertsen was absent. Also present was Beverly Owens, Vicki Etchinek, Angie Shirley, Public Works Director Jeb Rowley and Joyce Jeppesen. Emma Smith and David Voth with Nevada Gold Mine were present via telephone.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION:

Chair Kellerman called for public comment. Member Bledsoe stated that there is a miscommunication between the County and the Town of Crescent Valley. He stated that the town is being told one thing and then Commissioners are saying something else. He went on to state that he received a text message from JJ Goicoechea that states the Commissioners are and have had open meetings for months. He also stated that when he was approached about subjects that need to be addressed, that he is getting backlash from people wanting to know why Crescent Valley is not having open meetings, while Commissioners have open meetings. Member Bledsoe stated that this leads to communication issues. He knows that other Boards have also had open meetings, such as the Health Insurance Committee and he believes that Crescent Valley has so few people show up to the meetings, that social distancing is not an issue.

Member Bledsoe also stated that in years past, Crescent Valley has always been given booklets for the fair, as well as flyers for the Rodeo letting the residents know what is going on in the County. This year Crescent Valley was not notified the County Fair was being held, and continued that when he looked at the website, it was temporally closed. Crescent Valley is not

getting the communication from the County anymore or it is not being relayed to Crescent Valley. Chair Kellerman stated that only the Sheriff's office has communicated with Crescent Valley and Crescent Valley has been totally excluded from all other county events. She stated that this has not happened before.

Member Bledsoe inquired whether social distancing guidelines were followed at the fair. He stated that he knows that Public Works is not enforcing the directives. Joyce Jeppesen stated that was incorrect. Public Works Director Jeb Rowley stated that Public Works is informing people of the directive from the Governor and ask that they follow those guidelines. There are buildings and/or organizations, such as the pool, where directives can be enforced, but Public Works cannot extend enforcement to every County building or event. That is not in the purview of Public Works; that is OSHA. Member Bledsoe stated that the reason he was mentioning this was because, as a community, Crescent Valley has missed out on some events due to the directive, and there are events coming up that Crescent Valley will have to follow guidelines.

Vicki Etchinek stated that she would like the Board to find out how to get a polling booth brought back to Crescent Valley. Beverly Owens would like an update on the Express Internet service to the Town of Crescent Valley, and would also like an update on what could be done with the public nuisance of trash and septic issues around the town.

Member Bledsoe stated that the Board needs to address having a medical provider at the Crescent Valley Clinic. Chair Kellerman stated that Rich McKay is the Commissioner liaison. Chair Kellerman urged people to come to the meetings to voice their opinion, the board needs the participation of the residents of Crescent Valley.

D. REVIEW MINUTES of July 27, 2020:

Chair Kellerman stated that the Board would table the minutes. Member Bledsoe wanted to know why the minutes were being tabled and Chair Kellerman stated that there were some changes that still needed to be made. Member Bledsoe motioned to table the minutes of the July 27, 2020 meeting, Chair Kellerman seconded the motion. Motion carried (2-0).

E. NEVADA GOLD MINES

Emma Smith and David Voth were present representing Nevada Gold Mines. Emma introduced David Voth and stated they were there to address inquires about purchasing hay from ranches near Cortez and invited David to speak, as he is the expert on this subject matter. David stated that he is the new Ranch Manager for Nevada Gold Mines Ranches and is happy in the interest in purchasing hay from Nevada Gold Mine ranches, however due to drought and irrigation issues, they are unable to sell hay this year. However they have information on a hay broker nearby and will email his information to Christina Tucker for anyone interested in purchasing hay. David went on to say that Nevada Gold Mines purchased the Dann Ranch, on August 5, 2019 and they are scheduled to take possession on August 31, 2020. The Dann, Dean, TS, Horseshoe, and Hadley ranches will still be run by Nevada Gold Mines, however, some of the other ranches have been leased out.

Angie Shirley stated that she had previously talked to Emma about the ore trucks tearing up the canyon roads and asked for an update on what is going on to fix them. Emma stated that she reached out to Cortez leadership team and would follow up in the next week or so with Angie directly.

F. HALLOWEEN PARTY

Chair Kellerman gave an update on the Halloween party. She stated that they have a lot of good decorations to use. They plan to have a spook walk, a pumpkin painting contest, and a costume contest with prizes for several age groups: adults, high school, jr. high, grade school, and preschool. There will also be sandwiches, chips and drinks. The Board thanked Angie Shirley for her interest and suggestions for the Halloween Party to change to booths or tables which will allow for the following of COVID requirements as well as getting them out to trick or treat quicker.

G. CHRISTMAS EVENT

Chair Kellerman advised that they were still going forward with the Christmas event but it was subject to change because of COVID-19. They will continue with the Parade of Lights and House Decorating Contest in any event, and stated that Eldon Brown will still be in charge of the Parade of Lights. She asked if Christina Tucker to locate the contact info for the Pilot Truck Stop in Carlin, so she could put in a request for donations.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence there was an email from Tracy Moylan with ideas for the Halloween Party.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

Chair Kellerman called for public comment. Angie Shirley stated that the Senior Center is doing a wonderful job of going above and beyond.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Member Bledsoe motioned to adjourn at 5:25 p.m.; Chair Kellerman seconded the motion. Motion carried (2-0).

Approved on *August 26, 2020*.

Nona Kellerman, Chairman

ATTEST:

Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board Secretary