

# **Bunkerville Town Advisory Board**

Bunkerville Town Board Room 190 E. Virgin Street Bunkerville, Nevada 89007 May 16, 2019

7:00 p.m.

## **AGENDA**

#### NOTE:

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- The Board/Council may combine two or more agenda items for consideration.
- The Board/Council may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item at any time.
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Secretary:	Amelia Smith, 702-397-6475, Amelia.Smith@ClarkCountyNV.gov	
County Liaison:	Janice Ridondo, 702-455-3504, JRidondo@ClarkCountyNV.gov	

- I. Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call
- II. Public Comment This is a period devoted to comments by the general public about items on this agenda. No discussion, action, or vote may be taken on this agenda item. You will be afforded the opportunity to speak on individual Public Hearing Items at the time they are presented. If you wish to speak to the Board/Council about items within its jurisdiction but not appearing on this agenda, you must wait until the "Comments by the General Public" period listed at the end of this agenda. Comments will be limited to three minutes. Please step up to the speaker's podium, if applicable, clearly state your name and address and please spell your last name for the record. If any member of the Board/Council wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this will be done by the Chair or the Board/Council by majority vote.
- III. Approval of February 28, 2019 Minutes (For possible action)
- IV. Approval of Agenda for May 16, 2019 and Hold, Combine or Delete Any Items (For possible action)

### V. Informational Items

- 1. The Bunkerville Town Advisory Board requests the Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Vegas to discuss the thrift store located at 93 w. First South Street (APN# 002-25-303-001) located in the Bunkerville Township. (for discussion only)
- VI. Planning & Zoning

None

- VII. General Business
  - 1. Bunkerville Town Advisory Board members to discuss the possible adoption of the previously discussed Resource Management Plan for 'We the People'. (for discussion and possible action)
- VIII. Comments by the General Public A period devoted to comments by the general public about matters relevant to the Board's/Council's jurisdiction will be held. No vote may be taken on a matter not listed on the posted agenda. Comments will be limited to three minutes. Please step up to the speaker's podium, if applicable, clearly state your name and address and please spell your last name for the record. If any member of the Board/Council wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this will be done by the Chair or the Board/Council by majority vote.
  - IX. Next Meeting Date: June 27, 2019
  - X. Adjournment

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> BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MARILYN KIRKPATRICK, CHAIR - LAWRENCE WEEKLY, Vice-Chair LARRY BROWN - JAMES GIBSON - JUSTIN JONES – MICHAEL NAFT - TICK SEGERBLOM YOLANDA KING, County Manager



# **Bunkerville Town Advisory Board**

February 28, 2019

## **MINUTES**

Board Members:	Vernon Pollock – Chair – PRESENT Chad Jensen – Vice Chair – PRESENT Brian Haviland – PRESENT	Casey Anderson –PRESENT Laren Abbott –PRESENT
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- I. Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, County Staff Introductions The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Public Comment

None

III. Approval of November 29, 2018 Minutes

Moved by: Vernon Pollock Action: Vote: 5-0/ Unanimous to approve of minutes as written

IV. Approval of Agenda for February 28, 2019

Moved by: Vernon Pollock Action: Vote: 5-0/Unanimous to approve agenda with exception to vote on General Business items first

#### V. Informational Items

Notes: Elmer Lopez attended this meeting to introduce himself to the board members. He is an employee of Clark County Parks and Recreation and will be bringing activities to Bunkerville.

1. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is preparing an Environment Assessment for interpretation and recreation amenities at three sites Falling Man, Kirk's Grotto, and Whitney Pocket (for discussion only)

The Gold butte monument is pending President Trump's review. The BLM has received funding for the three above mentioned sites. Right now the BLM is looking into how they would like to apply the dollars to the three sites. They will need to consider their ability to maintain improvements such as a road, kiosks, facilities and making the viewing of the sites more accessible. The BLM will be conducting an environment study to help make determinations. The board expressed that the BLM should use kiosks at the beginning of the sites but not throughout. This is the keep the land as open as possible, and would like the BLM to avoid fencing when possible. The BLM is working with Clark County to use type 2 to make improvements to the Back Country Byway roadway.

VI. Planning & Zoning

None

#### VII. General Business

1. Bunkerville Town Advisory Board to elect a Chair and Vice Chair to serve a 2 year term (for discussion and possible answer)

#### Moved by: Chad Jensen

Action: Vote: 5-0/ Unanimous to nominate Vernon Pollock as Chair

#### **Moved by: Vernon Pollock**

Action: Vote: 5-0/ Unanimous to nominate Chad Jensen as Vice Chair

2. Bunkerville Town Advisory Board to approve yearly meeting calendar (for discussion and possible action)

#### Moved by: Laren Abbott Action: Vote: 5-0/ Unanimous to approve calendar as submitted

3. Bunkerville Town Advisory Board to review and/or revise bylaws (for discussion and possible action)

#### Moved by: Laren Abbott Action: Vote: 5-0/ Unanimous to approve bylaws as written

4. Bunkerville Town Advisory Board to approve letter of support for the Southern Nevada Transit Coalition (for discussion and possible action)

### Moved by: Vernon Pollock Action: Vote: 5-0/ Unanimous in support of providing a letter

VIII. Public Comment

Lee Kirk- There are some springs that have rare leopard frogs (not endangered), so the BLM will be rehabilitating certain springs. There are some restoration plans to remove tamarisk along the Virgin River. Vernon thanked the board members for serving. Brian- no comments or proposals were made during the Land Use Plan meetings.

IX. Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting will be March 28, 2019

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.



A short summary of the attached draft:

We need a plan;

This isn't a plan for Bundy Ranch. This is a plan for all the residents of Northeast Clark County and Bundy Ranch is in this part of the county. Since the early 1990's the federal government has layered regulations over the top of our land until they have regulated us completely off the land. Restrictions and regulations and using their own law enforcement, have made it impossible to enjoy our rights and freedoms to this land.

This plan presents a way for We the People of northeast Clark County Nevada to claim and use the land we already have rights to, eliminate unnecessary restrictions, and be the rightful owners and administrators in northeast Clark County.

(DRAFT #4)

# LAND PLAN

## (PART OF) NORTH EAST CLARK COUNTY NEVADA LAND PLAN

(Only areas where Bundy has vested or preempted rights) (Moapa Valley Town Advisory Board could have a land acquisition similar to Bunkerville)

1 We the People of NECC, acting as citizens of a republic do hereby adopt a comprehensive land plan. The North East Clark County Land Plan (NECCLP) is adopted by our representatives serving as the Bunkerville and Moapa Valley town advisory boards.

2 We the people of northeast Clark County call on our elected representatives, and call on the Commissioners of Clark County to adopt our plan as part of the Clark County land plan.

3 Whereas, the public land in north east Clark County belongs to the people of Clark County Nevada (Chain of title of these lands: Native Indian –Nation of Spain - Nation of Mexico – 1848 to US Arizona territory County of Pah Ute – 1866. US Congressional Act May 5, 1866 dispose of (Art IV:3) to State of Nevada, joint resolution #24 approved 1981, ratified by the people in 1982.); Whereas, Clark County is a subdivision of the sovereign Nevada. Bundy Ranch is an adjudicated part of NE Clark County;

**4** It has been 3 years since the Bundy protest and 21 years since We the People said this land is Nevada land. Nevada state law NRS 321.596 et al. statues (Nevada Public Land Ownership Act). 1996 Nevada reformation, We the people, overwhelmingly supported Nevada control of public land. Bundy protest removed the US Federal Bureaucrats off the land. We the people have enjoyed freedom and access; maybe the freest land in America.

For 25 years we have had no land plan. It is due time!

**5** RANCHES ADJUCIATED BY CONTRACT (PARTIES) – #1 - US Dept. of Interior and #2 the Rancher. In accordance with preempted rights created through beneficial use, in accordance with Nevada State laws 1940-1960 area and livestock. In November 1970? changed adjudication to ephemeral from livestock number to no livestock numbers. 1992 Bundy cancelled all contracts with BLM management and 1934 Taylor Garzing contracts with US federal government. 1992-2017 no contracts, continual beneficial use of resources 1850s – 2017.

6 Bundy Ranch holds rights to forage, livestock water, access, range improvements, and all other rights as Clark County residents. Bundy Ranch holds a land patent pursuant to the Act of Congress of May 20, 1862 to secure homestead with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said claimant and the heirs and assigns of the said claimant FOREVER; subject to any vested and accrued water rights for mining, agricultural, manufacturing or other purposes.

7 WHERE AS: Clark County Commissioners are the closest government to the People.

8 DESCRIPTION -- A greater portion of Mormon Mesa, Virgin River Valley, lower Moapa Valley, Virgin Mountain, and Gold Butte (Common name - Bundy Ranch)

9 Within the following boundaries, to wit: commencing on the NE corner Clark County Nevada, SE corner Lincoln County Nevada, W Arizona Stateline thence S to Colorado River-Mead Lake, follow E waterline around N of lake to the W high water line, thence NW to town Overton, NV, N of NV Fish and Wildlife thence E to Mormon Mesa rim thence N along Mesa rim to Lincoln County S boundary thence E to the point of beginning.

10 EXEMPTION: City of Mesquite, NV, I-15 corridor, NV State Hwy. 170, Clark County sewer plant Overton, private lands, subject to State of Nevada open range-fence out laws. All existing utility and communication right-of-ways or easements, agriculture irrigation right-of-ways and easements, FAA and US interstate communication. Nay Ranch and Don Whitney gazing land, if requested.

**11** DESIGNATED COUNTY ROADS: (COUNTY MAINTAINED) 2 wheel drive vehicles, 1 lane standard

- 1. I-15 mile marker 100 to Lincoln County border, Carp/Elgin roads
- 2. NS 170 to Arizona state border White Rock- Nay Ranch- Grand Wash roads
- 3. NS 170 to Lake Mead Hell's Kitchen Cat Claw and Clive's Landing roads
- 4. Overton Airport road to Virgin River

**12** ALL OTHER ROADS and trails be maintained by land steward in accordance to NV law and their needs

**13** ROADS, Clark County residents will have access to all roads and trails according to Nevada State law.

14 Now therefore, let it be known, that the following is the duly adopted management plan for the northeast portion of Clark County.

15 We the People recognize our elected Clark County Sheriff as the only authority with policing and arresting power in Clark County Nevada. With the direction and consent of the sheriff, Nevada Highway Patrol may exercise authority on Interstate 15 and NV highway 170 for public safety; Nevada Fish and Game may have limited authority in accordance with state law; and Nevada Livestock Identification may have limited authority in authority in accordance with state law.

16 Whereas, We the People of Clark County, Nevada, a political and fiscal subdivision of the sovereign state of Nevada, are rightful owners of all land within Clark County borders. All who enter across Clark County exterior borders are our guests only, having no political power or vote.

17 All contracts, leases, licenses, permits, easements, MOUs or agreements with the United States government will be null and void including, but not limited to, all US government land classifications such as areas of critical environmental concern, wilderness areas, national recreational areas, monuments and etc.

**18** In place of the former federal contracts and agreements, new contracts or agreements will be negotiated with Clark County government. All fees or tax on production will be paid to Clark County government general funds.

19 THIS LAND DECLARATION - all amendments, actions, new developments or maintenance over \$25,000 in total cost will go before Moapa Valley and Bunkerville town advisory boards, then to be presented before Clark County Commissioner's, (semiannual) first meeting in April and October.

20 WE THE PEOPLE of Clark County will have 100% access to the Bundy Ranch area to picnic, camp, motorhome, hunt, fish, off-road, hike, bike, enjoy the scenic desert, only reserving 500 ft radius around wildlife and livestock watering sources and artifact reserves.

21 NEW & IMPROVED ACCESS – for motor homes, camper trailers, and camps. The side roads, vacant gravel pits, and new access will be improved to let you off the beaten trail. 15 day maximum stay.

22 HUNT & FISH – access to all road and trails, giving new territory to explore and improved habitat. Improved wildlife and livestock water sources.

23 OFF-ROADING – access to 100% of Bundy Ranch area all roads and trails and new development. A plan for 2 major off road loops, 5 service stations. Loop 1 (miles?) Loop 2 () + 1000s of miles off-road in the interior. Two ferry systems to move ATVs across Lake Mead.

24 SCENIC TOUR & VIEW SITES – 100% access to the giant desert, Mormon Mesa, lower Muddy River, Virgin River, Virgin Mountains, Gold Butte, east shore of Lake Mead, old mines, old mine town sites, cattle and wildlife, cactus and a beautiful sunset, Indian writings, sink hole, and stars. Could place concrete picnic tables on Virgin River and Mormon Mesa viewpoints.

**25** PETROGLYPHS – INDIAN WRITINGS - Ten sights. It is in the general public and native Indian's interest to protect and preserve ancient Indian writings. The public desires to have access to view and enjoy.

26 ROD IRON/GUARDRAIL set 30 feet from the face of the petroglyphs, walk way of natural stone giving access to old and young, away from but close enough to see and enjoy. (note: dislike this, it ruins the natural mystic of the place)

27 LAND IMPROVEMENTS: Virgin River and lower Muddy River and east Lake Mead shore, to reduce erosion, enhance edible fish and game, livestock, and recreation access.

28 LOWER MUDDY RIVER and VIRGIN RIVER. These river bottoms are not fit for beast or man. They have a heavy thick canopy of tamarack brush that has very little habitat value, very little scenic or recreational value.

29 THE ERADICATING OF THE TAMARACK plant is well on its way. The introduction of the tamarack beetle is de-foliating the plant.

30 A PLAN to clear masses of dead plants and replace with a new habitat of new forage to improve for editable fish and game, livestock, and scenic and recreational enjoyment.

31 THE CLEARING PROCESS will reserve 20% of mature tree over 20 ft. tall – Cottonwoods, Black willows, Mescrew and Mesquite trees for shade and scenic value up the valleys.

32 WEED CONTROL. Emphasis on eradicating Tamarack brush and establishing grass sod to stabilize erosion, enhance feed, beautify and create recreational opportunities.

33 WATER. In accordance with Nevada law, multiple use:

- a) Domestic
- b) Agriculture
- c) Livestock
- d) Fish and game
- e) Recreation

All existing water rights, easements, and access will be recognized.

34 WATER - Retain the preempted water usage that the tamarack has used for over 100 years, 2 ac. Ft. per acre? Maybe more. That water will remain in beneficial use, to establish new improved habitat for eatable fish, game, livestock and scenic, recreation and access.

35 WATER - Rivers, water rights – retain wildlife, livestock and vegetation preempted established uses.

**36** FIRE – Control, management for the safety and benefit of man.

- 1. Education
- 2. Response and responsibility
  - a. Resource user
  - b. Local Clark County fire department
  - c. Clark County
  - d. Nevada State
- 3. Map and Plan
  - a. Life and valued structures
  - b. Scenic areas
  - c. Area of habitat or feed resources
  - d. Area that fire will improve habitat or feed
  - e. Agricultural prescribed burns

All maps and plans will be approved by Clark County fire marshal

37 FORAGE – to be enhanced and managed for edible fish and game and livestock.

38 PREDATOR CONTROL – in accordance to Nevada law,

**39** LIVESTOCK – in accordance to Nevada law.

**40** WILD HORSES AND BURROS – No wild horses. Wild burros, 50 head maximum to be controlled by Nevada Sate Agriculture Brand Identification Division.

41 MINES – in accordance to Nevada law.

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## LAND ACQUITIONS Designate Bunkerville Town, New Boundaries Land Trades for Property Alignments Green-belt Land Allotments

43 ALL PROPOSALS will pass through area township advisory boards.

**44** BUNKERVILLE TOWN – new designated (approx. 4500 acre) hence SW from Bunkerville Town down highway SR170 to the last property line, start at center line of SR170, hence 90 degrees SE 1 mile, hence 90 degrees parallel to SR170 to AZ state boundary, hence N to center of Virgin River, hence SW to first property line. (Moapa Valley approx.. 9600 acres)

45 NEW LAND ZONE – residential, commercial, industrial, agriculture

**46** LAND TRADES – there is a need to make private land more productive and align property lines. Trade acre for acre.

47 GREEN BELT – to save the beauty and strength of agriculture all agriculture acres that have water rights could enter into 40 year agricultural green-belt agreement in trade for new land designated Bunkerville Town, Each agriculture acre with water rights qualify for one acre new land. (could be more)

**48** ATTACHED MAPS