

Minutes from the April 10, 2018 SPECIAL Commission Meeting

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April 10, 2018
10:00 a.m.
Esmeralda County Courthouse
Commission Chambers
233 Crook Ave., 2nd Floor
Goldfield, Nevada

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.

Michelle Bates -	Chairman
Delon "De" Winsor -	Vice-Chairman – not present – by phone if requested
Ralph Keyes -	Commissioner
Robert Glennen -	District Attorney – in court
Angela Jewell -	Clerk of the Board

2. PUBLIC COMMENT. (Discussion only. Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item. It must be placed on an agenda, at a later meeting for action.)

Susan Dudley came up and stated that she was asked by NDEP to make a presentation to the Board today. It will be on the agenda for April 17, but she wanted to tell the commissioners that if they have any issues that need to be addressed before the 4/17 meeting, please see her privately so she can take care of them.

This is concerning the Goldfield Water Project. She has been dealing with this for years. Phase one is \$6,406,000.00. She stated that we have been working with Gemfield Resources all of these years. They have now asked to become a customer of ours. In order to become our customer, they have to make system improvements to our infrastructure to be able to provide them with the volume of water that they are asking for.

Our engineer has put together what the cost of the project would be for them to upsize our infrastructure. The problem is that the current schedule is not doable for this.

The BLM went to Susan at the end of March and let her know that the BLM does not have a new schedule but they know they cannot comply with going with us with the current schedule with our project. They requested that we delay our project. So, we had a meeting in Mike's office with the BLM, Gemfield Resources and Waterton Global who is their owner out of Toronto on the phone. Commissioner De Winsor was also in attendance. Susan asked the funders if they would participate as a group and they had a conference call and they asked all of the funders if they can delay the project and if that would impact our funding. CDBG and USDA said they could consider extending it. The issue is the one from NDEP. If we don't spend the money it won't get replenished. They have suggested that we go to the Board for Financing of Water Projects and they want us to "de-obligate" part of the money that we have been given. So, Susan called Waterton and suggested that if we get a delay and we have to "de-obligate" an amount of money, that they pay us that amount to make the project

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whole; to make us in the same position as when we started the project. She has a commitment from the legal department at Waterton that they will fund what is de-funded. They will fund the Engineer to upsize our system.

Susan stated that we need a decision at the April 17, 2018 meeting.

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to recess to the Board of Highway Commission Special Meeting. Commissioner Bates seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

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3. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION** - Closure of meeting, pursuant to NRS 288.220 for purposes of conducting labor negotiations, conferring regarding labor negotiations, issues and other personnel matters.

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to close the meeting.
Commissioner Bates seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

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4. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION/DECISION** – Discussion, deliberation, and possible decision on labor negotiations, issues and other personnel matters presented in closed meeting.

Commissioner Bates stated that the Operating Engineers Local 501 collective bargaining agreement was discussed and are still waiting for some legal opinions before finalizing.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT.** (Discussion only. Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item. It must be placed on an agenda, at a later meeting for action.)

None.

6. ***ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to adjourn.
Commissioner Bates seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.