

Minutes from the September 18, 2018 Commission Meeting

September 18, 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 – not present
Delon “De” Winsor -	Vice-Chairman
Ralph Keyes -	Commissioner
Robert Glennen -	District Attorney
Michelle Garcia -	Clerk of the Board

APPROVED

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.)

None

3. *APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES.

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to approve the expenditures.

Commissioner Winsor seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

4. ***DISCUSSION/DECISION/APPROVAL: REJECTED VENDOR BILLS FROM AUDITOR’S OFFICE.**

None.

5. ***APPROVAL OF MINUTES** for the meetings of the Esmeralda County Board of Commissioners.

None.

6. *APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT.

None.

12. ***FOR DISCUSSION ONLY** – Bernard Rowe would like to present an informational overview of the Rhyolite Ridge Project; a proposed lithium-boron mine in Esmeralda County. (Bernard Rowe)

Mr. Rowe came up and stated he is the Managing Director of Global GSR in Australia and Paradigm Minerals in the U.S., a subsidiary company. He is here to talk about the Rhyolite Ridge lithium Boron project. It is located in Fish Lake Valley along Cave Spring Road. It is 60 percent Lithium and 40 percent Boron. This will be a quarry operation. The lithium is in the rock. They will be making end-use

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products on-site as well, so they won't need to ship the product to China or Australia for use. There is not one other deposit around the world that is the same as this.

Mr. Rowe explained that right now we rely on China for lithium but this mine would produce 1/10th of the world's supply. Their company is completely unencumbered and they have no partnerships. They are also already talking with NV Energy. The money commitment to build the mine would be about 400 Million.

Mr. Rowe brought samples of the rock and explained what they will be doing. He brought maps and explained that they have the pre-feasibility study done. They hope to have permits in place by the end of 2019. It will take 18 months to build. They are continuing a dialog with the BLM as well.

Sharon Artlip came up and asked about sulfuric acid. She was told it would be recycled until consumed. They will be using very little water as well.

12. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION** – Need to re-discuss the raise that was given to the administrative secretary for the commissioners. Back on the May 22nd meeting, Sherry was told that she would be starting like a new employee and will be back on probation. This employee still has not completed her original probation so at this time I believe she is eligible for a raise. (Vera Boyer)

Vera stated that she is still within her first probation. She has not completed a year working for the county. The Commissioners put her on another probation when they hired her. Vera wants to know if the Commissioners want to keep her on probation or if they were aware that she was still in her first year of employment.

Commissioner Keyes stated the he believed the Commissioners could shorten her probation and that is what they decided to do at the time because she is highly qualified and they are happy with her performance. Vera stated that it might cause problems with other employees. Commissioner Keyes stated that that is what the Commissioner decided.

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to recess to the Highway Commission.
Commissioner Winsor seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

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7. ***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 Winsor seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.

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8. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION** – Discussion, deliberation and possible decision on labor negotiations, issues and other personnel matters.

District Attorney Glennen will get in touch with POOL/PACT to see what their concerns are regarding the way the EMT's are being paid and see what we can do to conform to their standard.

9. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION** – Recess meeting, pursuant to NRS 241.015(2)(b)(2) for purposes of conferring with legal counsel regarding potential or current litigation.

Not needed.

10. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION** – Discussion, deliberation and possible decision on conference with legal counsel regarding potential or current litigation presented in closed meeting.

Not needed.

13. **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.

14. ***ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Keyes made the motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Winsor seconded the motion. All in favor: Motion carried.