

**White Pine County Tourism and Recreation Board  
Special Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** June 16, 2020  
**Time:** 2 p.m.  
**Location:** Bristlecone Convention Center – White Pine Room

**Members Present:** Caroline McIntosh  
Bryane Goeringer  
Marietta Henry  
Ian Bullis via Zoom  
Kurt Carson via phone

**Staff Present:** Kyle Horvath  
James Beecher  
Errol Porter

**Members Absent:** None

**Public Present:** George Chachas, Wayne Cameron, McKinzie Peterson, Nefre Northam.

Chairman McIntosh called to order the meeting of the White Pine County Tourism and Recreation Board on June 16, 2020 at 2:02 pm in the White Pine Room at the Bristlecone Convention Center. Member Goeringer led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- I. **Public Comment:** George Chachas said the meeting packet materials were not made available until 2 ½ hours before the meeting. The Nevada Open Meeting Law states the materials must be made available three days prior to the meeting. On agenda item II.3 your considered approval of a letter of support for KGHM Mine Expansion – there is nothing in the packet for the public to read. On agenda item II.4 you are to consider the acceptance of resignation of Mr. Beecher and an application for legal services from McKinzie Peterson. I want to know if you advertised for legal services. On agenda item II.5 you are to consider changing the bank account from Nevada Bank and Trust to First National Bank of Ely. Local procedure has always been to spread government banking services and not to just one bank only. The agreement to be considered with the White Pine Chamber for shared space needs to scrapped. The Chamber is a private club and promotes only to their members. Mr. Chachas said he did not see any effort to remove offensive signs near our most visible properties such as the new Holiday Inn. Time was called.
  
- II. **New Business:**
  1. **Approval of Agenda, Including Removal of Agenda Items-Chairman McIntosh:**  
**Motion:** Member Goeringer moved to accept agenda as presented.  
**Motion seconded:** Member Henry. **Motion carried.**

## **2. Approval of Shared Space Agreement with the White Pine Chamber of Commerce:**

Director Horvath said we had a meeting with the Chamber representatives, legal counsel, and Member Bullis there as a Board representative. Mr. Horvath said an agreement was reached. Essentially what was reached was the original agreement. Both organizations continue to keep their autonomy operating out of the same space. We will be doing the retrofit to the interior. We will occupy the front half and the front office for tourism related duties. The meeting room will be divided in half. One half will continue to be the Chamber's office; the other half will be to the Chamber's discretion on renting it out to whomever. There will be no monthly rent charged by the Chamber to us. There will be no utilities charged to us for a period of three years unless there is some noticeable spike in utilities. At which time we can renegotiate. Mr. Beecher said specifically when it comes to the utilities there is a limited reopener under 4b, and it is just for the payment of electricity. If they notice a spike, that could trigger the Chamber to have this reopened so we could renegotiate. The reopener does not require a spike; it just requires them or us to say to the other we need to renegotiate electricity costs. It does not affect the balance of the contract. Mr. Beecher took out the automatic renewal. The contract is for three years. Probably after two years we will look at how this is working for everybody. Mr. Beecher is asking the Board to approve the agreement subject to the change to paragraph 2 to include the front office. Mr. Beecher will make the change and then send the contract back to the Board for their signature. For clarification, Chairman McIntosh said the office that Wayne is currently occupying will be opened so that we can have more of a reception area for visitors. Mr. Horvath said he envisions the receptionist person would occupy where Wayne is currently. The whole front area would be the visitor's lounge. Chairman McIntosh said the second office would be available for rental. Kyle said that would be managed by the Chamber. It was understood that we would decorate the entire part to give it one theme. Mr. Beecher said on the first page under the Whereas paragraphs, if you have any questions about your legal authority to take this action, it is outlined in the first page. When questioned, the Board members were pleased. Mr. Cameron felt this will be a good working relationship. Mr. Chachas referred to section 4E.b., space offered to Chamber to conduct meetings – he asked what part of the facility we are looking at; is it equal square footage. Chairman McIntosh said those things are internal between the management of both of those. She said the Chamber will be able to use the White Pine Room for their Board meetings. Mr. Chachas asked if the whole facility was open to them. Mr. Beecher said it would be a case by case basis. This allows the Executive Director to make that accommodation depending on what they are doing. All our policies still need to be followed. If the Executive Director felt that the request was unreasonable, he certainly has the authority to deny it. What this does is give the Executive Director the ability to allow the use of the rooms for meetings without having to come before the Board every time. Mr. Beecher asks that the motion be stated as follows: Moved to approve the shared space agreement with the White Pine Chamber of Commerce with the addition in Paragraph 2 of the front office.

**Motion:** Member Henry so moved.

**Motion seconded:** Member Goeringer. **Motion carried.**

**3. Approval of Letter of Support for the KGHM Mine Expansion:** Chairman McIntosh said currently the mine life is set for 2024. This would take it to 2028.

**Motion:** Member Goeringer to approve letter of support for KGHM mine expansion.

**Motion seconded:** Member Henry. **Motion carried.**

**4. Acceptance of Resignation of James Beecher and Acceptance of Application for Legal Services from McKinzie Peterson:** Chairman McIntosh said she will be abstaining from this matter as Ms. Peterson will be joining her family very soon. Mr. Beecher said for the record Ms. Peterson is not a part of your family as of now. Mr. Beecher said he was very honored to be able to work with this Board for the past three years. He cannot say enough about how far everything has come from three years ago to the way it is now. Legal services is a professional service. Professional services are not subject to competitive bidding; however, it does not mean that you cannot go out to competitive bidding. In legal services the value is reputation and skill. It something not conducive to competitive bidding. While you have that option, you do not have that requirement. Mr. Beecher felt it was time for him to scale back from some of his responsibilities. Mr. Beecher said he has worked with Ms. Peterson for three years; he knows what kind of attorney she is. She is highly dedicated and does great research. Chairman McIntosh thanked Mr. Beecher on behalf of the Board.

**Motion:** Member Henry made motion to accept resignation of James Beecher and acceptance of application of legal services from McKinzie Peterson.

**Motion seconded:** Member Goeringer. **Motion carried with one abstention of Chairman McIntosh.**

Ms. Peterson thanked the Board for this opportunity and looks forward to working with them.

**5. Change Bank Account from Nevada Bank and Trust to First National Bank of Ely:** Mr. Horvath wants to make sure we can transfer the checking and saving accounts over so that we are not missing any bills. Member Goeringer asked if we are making this move because it is a more convenient location. Chairman McIntosh said yes for sure but for the past several months she has watched the community relations with SBA loans, etc. and just stepping up to the plate for our community and none of them are local banks except FNB. There has been considerable support in our community from FNB. Mr. Horvath said we have an account/relationship with FNB currently.

**Motion:** Member Goeringer made motion to change our account from Nevada Bank and Trust to First National Bank of Ely.

**Motion seconded:** Member Henry. **Motion carried.**

III. **Public Comment:** Mr. Chachas said the new parking lot at the Convention Center does not meet minimum ADA requirements. The center walkway has not been put back in. At least four street lights within a block of the Center have been out for six months to a year. Mr. Chachas

