

PAHRUMP NUCLEAR WASTE & ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
February 04, 2022

Pursuant to NRS, a meeting of the Pahrump Nuclear Waste & Environmental Advisory Committee was held on February 04, 2022, at 11:30am at the Bob Ruud Community Center.

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Call to Order

The Pledge was recited.

2. Roll Call

John Pawlak, Dale Griffith, Debra Perna, Bill Stremmel Absent: Robert Adams, Mike Smith, Guests: Gerard Cote, Heather Freeman, Debbie Woodland

3. Approval of the Agenda for February 04, 2022.

Bill S. – 1st John P. – 2nd 4 – yay / 0 - nay

4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (Three-minute time limit per person.) Action will not be taken on the matters considered during this period until specifically included on an agenda as an action item (first).

Heather Freeman reported that EPA has revised education about radon gas so that fewer personal data is collected from respondents who allow their domiciles to be surveyed. Heather Freeman also said she had spoken with America First and Meadows Bank about providing a shredding truck at the Earth/Arbor Day event for people who wanted to bring their documents for disposal. The timing would be especially propitious as the event followed the deadline to file taxes, after which many people want to discard older returns beyond the retention period. These banks said that a sponsorship form would be needed if they were to provide a shredder.

5. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation of minutes of the Pahrump Nuclear Waste and Environmental Advisory Committee (PNWEAC) meeting of, January 07, 2022.

Formal approval was waived as these had already been submitted to the County for presentation to the BOCC to vote on reappointment of approved nominees Robert Adams and Dale Griffith. Dale noted that the minutes only mentioned the application by Robert Adams having been submitted, implying that his was not. He asked that this omission be corrected.

6. Announcements (first)

Bill Stremmel recalled a January 11th request from Courtney Kenney who handles the Committee's affairs with Nye County that minutes of the January 7th meeting be furnished within two days so she could have them ready for the next meeting of BOCC to vote on reappointments of two members. Bill said that as Secretary it was his responsibility to

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prepare the minutes and that this was very short notice while he, as an accountant, was busy preparing taxes. Bill contrasted the urgency of this request from the County with them being lackadaisical about updating the email list and making the name change from 'NWEAC' to 'PEMAC' official more than two years after that had been voted on.

7. Committee Comments (This item limited to announcements or topics/issues proposed for the future.)

None.

8. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation regarding the pandemics projected near-term future. <https://covid19.healthdata.org/united-states-of-america/nevada?view=cumulative-deaths&tab=trend>

Deb P. – 1st John P. – 2nd 4 – yay / 0 - nay

John P. observed that “some people are masked, some people are not”; “Some people are vaxxed, some people not”, adding that “The county has N95 masks.” Heather Freeman said the N95’s was “originally intended for dust.” Gerard Cote said that “Masks are worthless,” in that they are “Trying to catch a mosquito with a chain-link fence.”

Bill S. said while that he had not yet had time to view the website, his letter published in the December 17, 2021, issue of the PAHRUMP VALLEY TIMES was a retrospective on the joint declaration by vaccine promoter Geert Vanden Boscche and mRNA inventor Robert Malone. At the onset of Operation Warp Speed, they recommended a targeted vaccination campaign, warning that a “one-size-fits all” strategy would “corner the virus”, and spawn mutations. Bill said that Omicron was a result of governments spurning this advice, and that instead of the pandemic ending it would continue another three years. Bill S. also noted the additional trash from covid mitigation, particularly discarded masks, and other PPE. He added that a more insidious consequence are spike proteins with an ecological impact as profound as that of radiation introduced by the Atomic Age.

Gerard Cote said that “to put this in perspective” he has been studying natural scientific medicine for 25 years and that “Viruses predate humans on this planet,” and are “An essential part of the ecosystem.” Gerry went on to say that “Viruses are nothing more than messengers” and “they are constantly mutating” because “When it enters your body” it drops the DNA coding which is sent off into the body, then “Picks up the message of your condition and puts it back out.” Gerry explained that the “Whole point of viruses is to maintain homeostasis in the environment, between plants, animals and human.”

Gerard Cote said that the “Pharmaceutical medical industry has isolated a particular one, and just blown it out of proportion like it is the first one we’ve ever seen. They take it completely out of context with the exclusive and predominant focus of creating a vaccinated population.” ... going on to say, “I have no idea why; I don’t really care.” Gerry went on to say that “The science that goes along with vaccines is not indisputable,” and the “We really don’t have a pandemic.” He said that taking the number of deaths in any given locale and dividing that statistic into the population yields just a fraction of a percent whereas a pandemic would affect 20-35% of the population. He said it is a “Complete misuse of the term to create fear.”

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Gerard Cote stated that “The best defense is a healthy immune system,” to which “non-nutritious food” combined with a “contaminated environment” and an emotional state of “fear or flight” are the “Three things that disrupt homeostasis,” and that society is “Doing all three,” advising that people “Meditate but not disassociate.” John P. recalled a person at the library meticulously cleaning his computer, and Dale G. observed that “Kids in such sterile environments” were at heightened risk because their natural immunity had not fully developed, to which Gerard Cote said was analogous to a computer which had not been turned on for a year, being overwhelmed by the onslaught of updates accumulating over that period when it was booted up.

Bill S. said that exposure to the sun enhanced immunity through the uptake of natural vitamin D, noting the difference in rate of uptake between the darkest and lightest skin color. John P. said that exposure to the sun was not a safe option for people susceptible to melanoma like himself.

9. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation regarding 2022 Earth Day/Arbor Day event.

Dale G. – 1st Bill S. – 2nd 4 – yay / 0 - nay

Various Committee members and the guests announced who would be attending the event and what activity they would be conducting or entity they would be representing:

Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge [Debbie Woodland]

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service [Debbie Woodland]

Debbie Woodland said if USF&WS comes, maybe the Refuge staff would join them.

Audubon Society [Debbie Woodland]

Mike Alger [Debbie Woodland]

Las Vegas Tree Nursery [Debbie Woodland said she would ask for their brochures.]

BLM [John P. said he would “go after them” to have a representative there.]

Heather Freeman responded that BLM personnel had to attend another event in Las Vegas instead.

Ryan Gallagher – BLM law enforcement based in Beatty [Debbie Woodland]

Tamantha Tabby – BLM wild horse specialist [Heather Freeman hoped she would be available to meet with people seeking to adopt a wild horse or burro.]

Chrystal Berrends – Great Basin Water Company [Debbie Woodland]

Donna Lamb – Pottery [John P.]

Tri-County Weed – Ely, Nevada [Heather Freeman]

Clean up Pahrump [John P.]

Tamilan Taylor – NYECC [John P.]

Stormy Ingersall - Friends of Discovery Park

Jamie Domina – 4H [Heather Freeman said she was scheduled for a Community Club meeting. She is involved with livestock, robotics, Lego, Master Gardeners, and Dog Obedience groups. Heather said she is also promoting STEM for the school district.]

Elanna Smith - wife of member Mike Smith [John P.]

VEA – SolPower [Debra P. said it was possible Matt would attend.]

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Marilyn Davis – Pahrump Valley Museum [John P. said it was unlikely the Museum could spare either their director or staff as are scheduled to be open all day Saturday.] [Heather Freeman said that in lieu of a representative she would be willing to print out Museum flyers.]

Desert Research Institute [Debbie Woodland suggested that DRI provide a representative for their Community Environmental monitoring Program (CEMP).]

Community Garden kept by the Heritage Church [Heather Freeman, acknowledging the need to keep the event “non-partisan” said that such a function would be appropriate.

DOE – Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board (NSSAB) [John P. said they are looking for new members, so this event would be an opportunity for outreach. But he also said not to ask for tours of the NNSS as they cancelled in the near term.]

Las Vegas Spring Nursery [Debbie Woodland will ask them for brochures.]

\$500 honorarium for long time community conservationist Richard Cantino, who passed away last year [John P. said this had been proposed to the Southern Nye County Conservation District.

John P. closed the discussion by demonstrating some carbonated sodas to be given out with the intent ion that the CO₂ would be sequestered in the bodies of those drinking them to counteract global warming.

10. Presentation – Discussion regarding future informational presentations to the Board of County Commissioners.

Item not heard.

11. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation – Regarding Environment issues in Southern Nevada and within the Town of Pahrump to include comments to the Board of Nye County Commissioners.

Item not heard.

12. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation – Regarding Nuclear issues in Southern Nevada and within the Town of Pahrump to include comments to the Board of Nye County Commissioners.

Item not heard.

13. General Public Comment (Second)

Item not heard.

14. Announcements (second).

Item not heard.

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15. ADJOURNMENT

John P. – 1st Debra P. – 2nd 4 – yay / 0 - nay 12:35 PM
The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 4, 2022 @ 11:30 am.

APPROVED this _____ day

Of _____, 2022.

Chair