

Call to Order

Paul Watson, Kerry Ballard, Lance Chugg, Kirk Brimhall, Jason Whiting

1. **Approval of Minutes from August 9, 2012 meeting:** Motion by Jason to approve the minutes, 2nd by Kirk; the motion passed.
2. **Update on Catalyst Closing-** A timeline has been established for selling the assets. Paul sent an email with the specifics; it is all being directed through the courts. No bidders are known for sure yet. Snowflake Power and Apache Railway will continue to operate for the time being. ADEQ sent a letter outlining environmental issues that will need to be addressed with the closing of the mill. Catalyst acknowledged the letter by saying they received it; Paul is waiting to hear more about the response to the letter.
Paul is meeting with Lucas Bradley of Trinity Enterprises (they attempted to buy the mill before) and other local representatives. He is interested in converting the mill to a tissue plant. Trinity Ent. and Najafi have spoken; Najafi has funding and Trinity have ideas for production. Everything that is happening right now is confidential so we won't know what is happening until it happens and is made public. There are many assets to the property that make it a huge deal: wells, rail access, power, natural gas, land for expansion.
Kerry spoke with a worker that told him there are 80 families just from Snowflake that work out there, not to mention the many from Taylor.
There was a job fair last week and many companies were represented including the mines and a power plant.
3. **Update on Snowflake Power-** Gary Stevens is happy with what is taking place so far. Their main concern coming from the mill was water and pressured air, and they are still going to be getting that.
4. **Update on Potash-** Tom has been communicating with American West and Passport. Both companies will be having studies and reports done by the end of the year. Paul spoke with Pat Avery, they anticipate they will be hiring initial employees in the late fall and they have hired someone out of Springerville to be the local rep.
5. **New Businesses-** Wal-Mart is going to P&Z in October to present their new site plan. They eliminated the tire store and turned it into "future expansion area". Pharmacy is included in the plans (drive thru), grocery and retail also included. Kirk is making space for more retail stores. Burger King says they will come once Wal-Mart breaks ground.
There are no present plans for Costco to construct but they did acquire land in Show Low.
The real estate market is improving in the state but in town it is still hurting.
We need more medical amenities; Summit is looking into doing several things including looking at doing Urgent Care at the imaging center in Snowflake.
Food Services- does this committee or the council need to actively try and find restaurants? We need to find studies that show what kind of population base support what kind of restaurants. It is hard to support businesses in town, they are busy on Friday but Saturday is pretty dead.
We need entertainment here too. WME has land by the mortuary but there is nothing happening with it.
6. **Committee Member Updates-**
 - a. Have the council send a letter to Summit about the Urgent Care.
 - b. The tire store is trying to open in early October; Haralson Tire. They are looking for a manager and are looking for someone familiar with the industry.
 - c. RealAZ got a grant for marketing.