

**NORTHEASTERN NEVADA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
COMBINED MEETING MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD**

**Great Basin College
McMullen Hall, Room 102**

1500 College Parkway
Elko, NV 89801

Monday, February 27, 2017 at 1:00pm

A. CALL TO ORDER: By NNRDA Chairman of the Board Shirley Alen-Kellerman

The agenda for this meeting of the Northeastern Nevada Regional Development Authority (NNRDA) has been properly posted for this day and time in accordance with NRS requirement.

In accordance with NRS 241, the Authority may: (I) change the order of the agenda, (II) combine two or more agenda items for consideration, (III) remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time, (IV) and if the agenda is not completed, recess the meeting and continue on another specified date and time, (V) place reasonable restrictions on time, place, and manner of public comment and that comment based on viewpoint may not be restricted.

NNRDA's monthly board meeting agenda and board meeting minutes are now posted for public viewing on our website at www.nnrda.com.

B. ROLL CALL: Introductions of Board Members and Guests

STAFF:

Pam Borda-Executive Director

Kris Ashdown-Executive Assistant

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Delmo Andreozzi-Elko County

Jan Morrison-Lander County

Jolene Supp-City of Wells

Chris Johnson-City of Elko

Shirley Alen-Kellerman-Nevada State Bank

Pat Robison-City of Ely (via phone)

Chris Melville-City of West Wendover (via phone)

Dave Mendiola-Humboldt County (via phone)

Steve Stork-White Pine County (via phone)

Vince Mendiola-City of Winnemucca (via phone)

BOARD MEMBERS:

Katie Neddenriep-Barrick Gold

Betti Magney-Elko Daily Free Press

Jennifer Koopman-N.N. Regional Hospital

Sharon Horn-RAM Enterprise

Lori Ayala-A Plus Total Care

GUESTS:

Sheldon Mudd-GOED

Mary Kerner-RNDC

Stephen West-City of Winnemucca (via phone)

Carol McKenzie-White Pine County (via phone)

Elaine Blackham-White Pine County (via phone)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

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Mary Kerner, new CEO for RNDC to give a presentation.

Shirley introduced Mary Kerner as the new CEO for the Rural Nevada Development Corporation (RNDC). RNDC is a private non-profit organization that focuses on economic development for rural Nevada for small business lending. They also have housing programs depending on which county you're in and also where that money is coming from. They have made many changes with one being they are now all located in the same facility in Ely. They have ramped up their marketing campaign. One of the things they do with their housing programs is they have a weatherization assistance program which they work with local power companies, the Nevada housing committee, and the department of energy; they receive money from CDBG grants then they go into homes to make them more energy efficient. For borrowers, sometimes it's as easy as replacing a water heater but can be as extensive as a whole new roof or windows. They have a rehabilitation program for safety and soundness – so they can widen a doorway or build

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ramps to make it handicap accessible. These are only examples, there are a plethora of items that could fall under this program. RNDC has a first time home buyer down payment assistance program that can help with individuals. RNDC describes first time home buyer as someone that has not owned a home in the last 3 years. So someone that has maybe sold their home and then been renting for 4 or 5 years could possibly qualify. There are many different factors that must be met, so the RNDC office is there to help you.

D. MINUTES:

1) Approval of the January 2017 Combined Meeting Minutes.

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Delmo Andreozzi made a motion to approve the January 2017 Combined Meeting Minutes. Sharon Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

E. NNRDA FINANCIALS:

1) Review and approval of Financials for January 2017.

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Jolene Supp made a motion to approve the Financials for January 2017. Betti Magney seconded the motion. The motion passed.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1) Welcome and approval of A+ Total Care as a new member of NNRDA and the Board of Directors.

Pam Borda welcomed Lori Ayala to the Board as a new member. Lori thanked RNDC for helping them when they started their business. Lori also let us know that they have extended their hours because they are so busy. They have added occupational medicine, behavior health and are getting ready to roll out the after hours on-call for the occupational medicine for the drug screens and breath alcohol tests that the mining industry has asked for. They have opened up family practice and have a provider lined up to start.

2) Review and discussion on the status of Humboldt County and the City of Winnemucca joining NNRDA.

We are generating the invoices for the remaining part of the fiscal year which will be March through June for Humboldt County and the City of Winnemucca. Dave Mendiola is close to having us a draft of the inter-local agreement ready for our review. Things are moving right along.

3) Introduction of our new Economic Development Officer starting work on March 1, 2017.

Pam let the Board know that we recruited and interviewed for the position. Jan Morrison was offered the job and has accepted so she starts March 1st. She will have a few days of orientation, then will head off to Winnemucca for some training with Bill Sims and will have an opportunity to get to know the area that she will be serving.

4) Review, discussion and possible direction on the continued sponsoring of the SBDC position.

Mary Gilbertson gave her notice to SBDC and has been hired on fulltime with GBC. Pam had several talks with Winnie who was Mary's boss out of Reno. Winnie has asked NNRDA to provide more funding towards this position, Pam told her that NNRDA can handle the individuals who need help with business start-ups and we can refer them to the Reno office/website when necessary but Pam doesn't feel that we need to support SBDC financially. Mary Kerner let us know that we can always call her office and they can help with most of what we might need. RNDC has several services such as trainings for customer service, financial plans or help putting together business plans. She also mentioned that we can still use UNR for information like traffic counts and market studies. Delmo asked if there's a way to get the Chamber involved and Pam responded by saying that she will get with Billie at the Chamber to see what her thoughts are.

G. REPORTS

1) **Status Report and Leads:** Staff will provide status on various activities, projects and leads.

2) **RNDC:** Report from Shirley Alen-Kellerman on RNDC meetings.

3) **GOED Mining Industry Specialist:** Sheldon Mudd update on Mining Industry.

H. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Board members will be provided the opportunity to give a short report on their business or their city/county.

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J. ADJOURN: Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Kris Ashdown, NNRDA Executive Assistant