

**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, May 22, 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 MEMBERS:

Delmo Andreozzi-Elko County

Mark Curtis-Great Basin College

Dana Holbrook-City of Carlin

Chris Johnson-City of Elko

Chris Melville-City of West Wendover (via phone)

Steve Stork-White Pine County (via phone)

Vince Mendiola-City of Winnemucca (via phone)

Marlene Brissenden-Humboldt County (via phone)

BOARD MEMBERS:

Don Newman-ECVA

Betti Magney-EDFP

Jason Ashby-Komatsu

Jennifer Koopman-NNRH

Rhonda Zurraff-Newmont Mining

GUESTS:

Sheldon Mudd-GOED Mining Specialist

Elaine Blackham-White Pine County

Carol McKenzie-White Pine County

C. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

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Betti Magney read a resolution written by the Elko Democratic Central Committee Board in support of keeping Amtrak. The Federal Government has it on the chopping block to cut funding for the entire Amtrak Service which runs from Chicago to San Francisco. Pam will draft a resolution for the next NNRDA Meeting to stand against losing Amtrak as well.

Presentation and thank you to Dr. Curtis.

Executive Director, Pam Borda, gave Dr. Mark Curtis a plaque to commemorate his time on the NNRDA Board and wished him a happy retirement. He will be missed by all!

D. MINUTES:

1) Approval of the March 2017 Combined Meeting Minutes.

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Jason Ashby made a motion to approve the March 2017 Combined Meeting Minutes. Rhonda Zurraff seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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E. NNRDA FINANCIALS:

1) Review and approval of Financials for March and April 2017.

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Delmo Andreozzi made a motion to approve the Financials for March and April 2017. Jennifer Koopman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1) Review, discussion, and possible approval for NNRDA to write a letter of support to Nevada DOT on behalf of Robinson Foster with Rail Solution –Steel Interstate.

For Possible Approval

NO ACTION TAKEN.

2) Review and discussion of the 3rd Quarterly Report.

Pam Borda gave a brief summary saying that we have been super busy with the addition of our new members as well as business as usual. Sheldon has also brought many new leads from all over to the office as well.

3) Review, discussion, and nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair with election at June meeting to take over positions at July meeting.

For Possible Approval

NO ACTION TAKEN: Pam Borda let the Board know that with Dr. Curtis retiring and also Shirley will be leaving as chair, this leaves us needing both positions to be filled. Pam feels that maybe we should look at one of the immediate past chair members to see if they would be willing to take the Chair position another year while we have a new Vice-chair which will give them an opportunity to get used to the position. Pam reminded members that the Chair and Vice-chair have to come from private membership, the position cannot be a government member. Pam mentioned Sharon Horn said she would be willing to serve as Chair if need be. Jennifer Koopman asked to have information emailed to her. We will have to have a vote at next month's meeting for Chair and Vice Chair for them to take over July 1st. Any member interested in the positions should contact Pam.

4) Review, discussion, and possible approval of the FY2017-18 budget that will start July 1.

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Delmo Andreozzi made a motion to approve the FY2017-18 budget that will start July 1, 2017.

Rhonda Zuraff seconded the motion. The motion passed.

5) Review, discussion, and possible approval to pursue a Brownsfield grant from the EDA with the assistance of Converse Consultants.

For Possible Approval

NO ACTION TAKEN: Pam discussed how NNDA which is our counterpart for Carson City, Douglas, Lyon, and Storey Counties; have been doing this program to certify sites. During the CDBG meetings Pam was approached and asked if she would be willing to learn about the program and become part of it. What Pam likes about this program is you can get a piece of land/property certified so if you have it listed as a piece of property that is ready to build on, that it indeed would be ready to be built on. If the property is pre certified there will be less potential of any problems that might arise otherwise. The grant could be up to \$6,000 which the consultants would write for you, you just have to submit it, then the consultants would do the work. Pam feels it's worth the time to take a serious look at. It has to be the counties and or cities that ultimately submit the grant. The Board agreed to let the consultants give a presentation.

6) Review and discussion of the GOED RFP for funding RDA's for the next 2 years.

Pam Borda let member's know that we received the RFP from GOED and it had a short deadline to get this done so we filled it out and sent it in. It's the same as it was 2 years ago so she just had to add in the extra counties/cities. We will most likely hear from them by July 1, 2017.

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.

Sheldon thanked everyone who participated with the Canadian Delegation. Everyone made them feel welcome, telling Sheldon that we hit a home run! They are planning a trip back to the area in October, bringing quite a few companies with them that are interested in expanding into Northeastern Nevada.

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If there are any local companies interested in expanding their companies into South America, get with Sheldon and he will get you the information needed to ride along with the trade mission at the end of July. There's a step grant available through Federal Funds that would help pay for the trip.

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 2:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Kris Ashdown, NNRDA Executive Assistant