

**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, July 24, 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

Jan Morrison-Economic Development Officer (via phone)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Chris Johnson-City of Elko

Vince Mendiola-City of Winnemucca (via phone)

Delmo Andreozzi-Elko County

Marlene Brissenden-Humboldt County (via phone)

Shirley Alen-Kellerman-Nevada State Bank

BOARD MEMBERS:

Lori Ayala-A Plus Total Care

Lynn Mahlberg-Great Basin College

Katie Neddenriep-Barrick Gold

GUEST:

Sheldon Mudd- Mining Specialist for GOED

C. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

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D. MINUTES:

1) Approval of the June 2017 Combined Meeting Minutes.

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Chris Johnson made a motion to approve the June 2017 Combined Meeting Minutes. Delmo Andreozzi seconded the motion. The motion passed.

E. NNRDA FINANCIALS:

1) Review and approval of Financials for June 2017.

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Delmo Andreozzi made a motion to approve the Financials for June 2017. Chris Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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F. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Review, discussion, and possible approval of a resolution for continued support of Amtrak in the Federal Budget. **For Possible Approval**
After much discussion, Pam and Delmo will draft a resolution using current statistics and also have the last paragraph or last “whereas” state that to cut funding should be strongly discouraged only done as a last resort. **ACTION: Delmo made a motion to approve drafting a resolution for continued support of Amtrak in the Federal Budget and will assist with wording. Shirley Alen-Kellerman seconded the motion. The motion passed.**
- 2) Review, discussion, and possible approval to apply for a Brownfields grant in the amount of \$600,000 for the next two years for the certified site program. **For Possible Approval**
Pam Borda reported that the turnout was great at the meeting they had when Converse Consultants came to explain how the process would work. Everyone that came was in favor of moving forward with this. If the Board approves going forward, the next step would be going to the County for approval. Converse Consultants would do all the work and we would just submit it. They have a great track record and if we could get certified sites for our area, it would make future development that much easier. This is the national trend for EDA’s around the state and what developers are looking for more and more.
ACTION: Delmo made a motion that this Board approve the application for a Brownfields grant utilizing Converse Consulting as our consultant and to apply on behalf of Elko County, Lander County, and Humboldt County. Katie Neddenriep seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- 3) Review and discussion of the GOED contract for funding RDA’s for the next 2 years.
We are still waiting for the contract amendment. Pam has called GOED but has not received any call back yet. She was hopeful that Steve Hill would sign the amendment before he left on the trade mission. Pam feels that they are asking for information that they have not required any other entity to provide but has done everything they have asked of her. She feels that the Board might have to take additional action if this isn’t resolved soon. We will have another update on next month’s agenda.
- 4) Review, discussion and possible approval of a date to hold the semiannual Board retreat and discussion on the agenda. **For Possible Approval**
NO ACTION: From the doodle poll that Pam sent out, it looks as if the best date for the Board retreat would be on September 11, 2017. The time recommended would be 10 am – 3 pm in Elko. The timing is meant to accommodate those that must travel. Pam wanted to know thoughts if we had Better Cities facilitate the meeting. They have been working with Wells with their strategic planning and in the future to help with the other communities as well. We can hire them for a reasonable fee and will have that on August’s agenda for approval. Katie agreed that it would be beneficial to have an external facilitator, making it easier for Pam to participate as well.

G. REPORTS

- 1) **Status Report and Leads:** Staff will provide status on various activities, projects and leads.
Pam doesn’t want to take a lot of time on this but wants the Board to know that she is bringing the land ferry rail guys in for a presentation at next month’s meeting. And once again we are working with a really great company that would like incentives to move into our area but as the incentive verbiage states that 51% of manufacturing must be exported, that would eliminate them as a contender.
- 2) **RNDC:** Report from Shirley Alen-Kellerman on RNDC meetings.
Shirley will report at next month’s Board meeting as RNDC only meets quarterly.
- 3) **GOED Mining Industry Specialist:** Sheldon Mudd update on Mining Industry.
Sheldon let us know that he’s been in contact with a few different companies from Canada and Australia that would like to come to Northern Nevada. One of the biggest challenges we are facing would be contracting issues and what category they might fall under within the Nevada contract code and also what kind of visa’s they are going to require to bring worker’s into the State/Country in order for them to get set up and established before they hire local. There are also several different companies who would like to come to Nevada in October for trade missions. We will want to showcase all the different areas that might be of interest to them. Be sure to get in contact with Sheldon if you would like to host a meeting or dinner

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for them. Sheldon talked about the many different countries who are looking at northeastern Nevada such as Canada, Australia, Sweden, and even Poland.

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 2:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Kris Ashdown, NNRDA Executive Assistant