

**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

Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 3:00 pm

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:

Sheldon Mudd-Executive Director

Kris Ashdown-Executive Assistant

Jan Morrison-Economic Development Officer (via phone)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Jolene Supp-City of Wells

Delmo Andreozzi-Elko County

Vince Mendiola-City of Winnemucca (via phone)

Mike Sharkozy-Eureka County (via phone)

Marlene Brissenden-Humboldt County (via phone)

Shirley Alen-Kellerman-Nevada State Bank

Carol McKenzie-White Pine County (via phone)

BOARD MEMBERS:

Nancy Ostler-Newmont Mining (via phone)

Katie Neddenriep-Barrick Gold

Frans Yorgesen-Southwest Gas

GUESTS:

Rebecca Darling-Barrick Gold

Nancy Ostler-Newmont Mining (via phone)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

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D. MINUTES:

1) Approval of the March 22, 2018 Combined Executive Committee and Board Meeting Minutes.

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Mike Sharkozy made a motion to approve the March 22, 2018 Combined Executive Committee and Board Meeting Minutes. Delmo Andreozzi seconded the motion. Marlene Brissenden abstained. The motion passed.

E. NNRDA FINANCIALS:

1) Review and approval of Financials for March - June 2018.

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Jolene Supp made a motion to approve the Financials for March-June 2018. Delmo Andreozzi seconded the motion. The motion passed.

2) Review and approval of NNRDA Proposed 2018-2019 budget.

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Jolene Supp made a motion to approve the NNRDA Proposed budget for FY2018-2019. Delmo Andreozzi seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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F. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Review, discussion, and possible approval to draft a letter opposing the Surface Transportation Board's consideration to regulate reciprocal switching on United States rail ways.

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Marlene Brissenden made a motion to approve NNRDA sending a letter opposing the Surface Transportation Board's consideration to regulate reciprocal switching on United States railways. Delmo Andreozzi seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- 2) Review, discussion, nomination, and election for NNRDA Board Vice-Chairperson for FY 2018-2019 effective July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

For Possible Approval

Sheldon Mudd let the board know that he had a recommendation for Vice-Chairman and nominated Rebecca Darling who works for Barrick Gold. The board approved the nomination and the voting followed.

ACTION: Mike Sharkozy made a motion to select Rebecca Darling as the Vice-Chairman for NNRDA for FY2018-2019 effective July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019. Katie Neddenriep seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- 3) Review, discussion, nomination, and election for NNRDA Board Chairperson for FY 2018-2019 effective July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

For Possible Approval

Sheldon Mudd let the board know that he had a recommendation for Chairman and nominated Frans Yorgesen who works for Southwest Gas. The board approved the nomination and the voting followed.

ACTION: Delmo Andreozzi made a motion to select Frans Yorgesen as the Chairman for NNRDA for FY2018-2019 effective July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. Jolene Supp seconded the motion. The motion passed.

***At this time the Executive Director gave Shirley Alen-Kellerman, the outgoing Chairperson, a plaque thanking Shirley for the many years of support and dedication in the roles of Chair and Vice-Chair including all the years being a continuous member with NNRDA. Thank you Shirley!

G. REPORTS

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

Sheldon let the board know that he's preparing to send the Quarterly Report in to GOED. Some of that information follows.

Our retreat held in Eureka was an enormous success. We had Gary Hames from Storey County present. Gary gave us some insight on what it took to get the Tahoe/Reno Industrial Center put together. The new staff with the Governor's Office attended – Matt Moore, the Rural Economic Development Manager but has already been promoted to Deputy Director; Paul Anderson, the new Executive Director for GOED; and Brian Baluta, the new Communications Director and Project Manager.

The Governor's Office has selected the new Mining specialist but that information has not been made public yet so we'll keep you in anticipation.

We are still working with other local governments to advocate for the local I-11 route that would pass through Winnemucca and Humboldt. If it goes through Humboldt/Winnemucca, it will help us out but if it goes through Reno, we won't get much traction from it.

Sheldon met with some folks in Carlin who are looking to revive the Carlin Springs Project. We've talked with investors out of Salt Lake and will hopefully be able to form a connection.

We have selected Better City for the Humboldt County/City of Winnemucca Strategic Plan.

Sheldon has continued the talks with GOED about the incentive packages and they have been listening.

We have submitted a proposed language change in the definition of a "primary job" that will make more sense for rural Nevada. We are hoping to accomplish this without needing legislative change.

We are on the GOED agenda to discuss our first incentive package which is for Cyanco. They are wanting to expand in Winnemucca with plans to manufacture a solid cyanide and 100% of that would be exported.

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They are looking at Arizona as well, we will find out very soon where they decide to expand. Google's project, LOON have plans to expand their operations in Winnemucca as well. It would double their current operation.

The Mining Expo was a success. We held a reception at Wingers during the MinExpo which drew in folks from Montana, Arizona, Canada, Australia, Idaho, and Spain. All these are looking at doing business here. NNRDA has 9 new leads since we last met and the newest company to the area is NPK who just opened their location in the old Kenworth building on Idaho Street and are already talking about expansions. Hopefully we can get them some incentives.

We responded to the Governor's Office requests for opportunity zone nominations and NNRDA submitted nominations for all areas that were in the opportunity zones that qualified, which were West Wendover, Jackpot, Owyhee, and a little section of Elko. We were able to capture one of those-West Wendover was selected. They have already planned over 50 million in investments over there.

Matt Moore came to Elko to discuss the Main Street Program with the City. Ely has been involved with the program as well.

We were successful this year with CDBG funding. Wells, White Pine County, and West Wendover were fully funded this round!

Jan Morrison let us know that it's essential that I-11 intersects with 50 for our rural areas. She has been working on affordable housing. Winnemucca has the largest, highest quality lithium mine in the U.S. Their final feasibility study should be out this week. Jan is developing a positive relationship with U.P. Railroad. She has met with the regional marketing director out of Reno and says they really want to be in the community and market Winnemucca sites.

2) **RNDC:** Report from Shirley Alen-Kellerman on RNDC meetings.
Shirley will report on RNDC at our next meeting.

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 4:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Kris Ashdown, NNRDA Executive Assistant