

**ELKO COUNTY ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION AUTHORITY COMBINED MEETING MINUTES OF  
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD**

**Great Basin College, Berg Hall**

**1500 College Parkway**

**Elko, NV 89801**

**Wednesday, November 28, 2012**

**1:00 p.m. PST**

**A. CALL TO ORDER: By NNRDA Vice-Chairman of the Board Kelly Wilson.**

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.

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**B. ROLL CALL: Introductions of Board Members and Guests**

**Staff:**

Pam Borda-Executive Director

**Executive Committee Members**

Kelly Wilson-Vice-Chairman

John Rice-City of Elko

Jolene Supp-City Manager for Wells, NV

Steve Feasel-Carlin City Council

Chris Melville-West Wendover(via phone)

Charlie Myers-Elko County

**Board Members:**

Don Newman- E.C.V.A.

Kerry Aguirre-N.N.R.H.

Sharon Horn-RAM Enterprise

Donald Heuser-Savage Services

Jonathan Garcia-Frontier Communications

Betti Magney-Elko Daily Free Press

**SUPPORT MEMBERSHIP:**

Kimberly Owen-NAI Global

**GUESTS:**

Todd Valline- GOED Mining Industry Specialist  
Brian Wallace-NV State Development Corporation

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

David Zornes- Red Lion Hotel & Casino/Chairman	Pedro Ormaza
Jason Ashby	Jeff Brigger
Ted McElvain	Mark Curtis
Shirley Alen	

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

This agenda item is to provide time for the general public to address the Authority regarding items of concern. Action cannot be taken at this time, but a matter can be set on the agenda for a future meeting, as appropriate.

**There was no public comment at this time.**

**D. MINUTES:**

1) Approval of the October 24, 2012 Combined Meeting Minutes.

**Mr. Don Newman made a motion to approve the October 24, 2012 minutes. Ms. Kerry Aguirre seconded the motion. Mr. Charlie Myers abstained from the vote. The motion passed.**

**E. ECEDA FINANCIALS:**

1) Review and approval of Warrants for October 2012:

Ms. Pam Borda spoke on how there was nothing unusual for the month of October and that everyone had been paying their dues. She spoke on a payment to a consultant as well as expenditures related to the London trip.

Ms. Jolene Supp asked if there was a register showing what bills there were to pay.

Ms. Borda replied that there wasn't and that only the expenditures were shown.

**Ms. Jolene Supp made a motion to approve the October 2012 Warrants. Ms. Betti Magney seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

**F. NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Review, discussion, and possible approval to change the Board preapproval amount of \$1500.00 to \$1900.00 for the Building Sustainable Regional Communities in Today's World, St George's House, Windsor Castle and all other matters related thereto.

Ms. Pam Borda spoke on how she had previously asked for \$1500.00 for her trip to London and after seeing the exchange rate as well as how much items actually cost abroad she was now asking for it to be increased to \$1900.00.

Mr. Charlie Myers asked where the difference would be coming from.

Ms. Borda replied it would come from the Marketing/Travel fund.

**Mr. Charlie Myers made a motion to approve the increase to \$1900.00. Ms. Sharon Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

- 2) Review, discussion, and possible approval of new members of NNRDA and all other matters related thereto.
  - Lombard Conrad Architects, Executive Level
  - CB Richard Ellis, Executive Level
  - First American Title, Executive Level
  - Nobel Energy, Corporate Level

Ms. Pam Borda stated that a few of the members were left from the previous month as well as some new members needing approval.

**Mr. Charlie Myers made a motion to approve the new members listed. Ms. Kerry Aguirre seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

- 3) Review and discussion of the outcome of the GOED Mining Industry Specialist Position and all other matters related thereto.

Ms. Pam Borda spoke on how the interviewing process went and how 15 people applied for the position. She continued to say that due to NNRDA being unable to provide insurance for this position, the position would be under GOED. Ms. Borda

concluded by saying she was very happy with who was selected and introduced Mr. Todd Valline to everyone.

Mr. Todd Valline stated that he was looking forward to this new opportunity and that this is an exciting time.

Ms. Borda spoke on how there has been additional staff changes. She stated that Ms. Diana Elwess is no longer with NNRDA and that hopefully by the end of the year or by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year a replacement will be found.

Mr. John Rice asked about finding a possible temporary worker.

Ms. Borda stated that Mr. Charlie Myers also inquired about that she planned on talking to a local temp agency to possibly find someone.

Ms. Sharon Horn stated that they had done that at her company and it worked out very well.

**G. OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) Review, discussion and possible approval on the status of the Northeastern Nevada Regional Development Authority, associated strategy planning and all other matters related thereto.

- 1) Review and discussion of the "Steering it Forward" webpage and Facebook- <https://www.facebook.com/SteeringItForward> please visit and "like" it**

Ms. Borda spoke on the new website for Steering it Forward and how she really is impressed by it. She mentioned that a process is underway for a starting a photo contest to add pictures to the site.

- 2) Review and discussion of the Sector meetings in Elko, Lander, & West Wendover**

Ms. Borda also spoke on how sector meetings are being setup where each meeting is industry specific, as a way to find out how the future is going to impact each industry. She then stated that there were 4 upcoming sector meetings; one for utilities, one for government, one for healthcare, and one for small business retail.

### **3) Review and discussion of the Mining Supply Chain Roundtable**

Ms. Borda stated that different mining companies had been invited to the roundtable and that Mr. David Beurle would be leading the meeting. She also spoke on how the meeting would help determine which companies are doing business with companies outside of Nevada and how this information could help bring those companies to build facilities here in Nevada.

#### **H. REPORTS:**

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

Ms. Borda then spoke on the statuses of different projects. She mentioned that the City council approved a city staff report on development of Elko. She also spoke on the Exit 298 project which had the Millers accepting the offer. She concluded her report by speaking of some rental projects being built in the Elko area.

- 2) **NNRR Project:** Commissioner Charlie Myers and staff will report on the progress of the County's NNRR Planning Committee and the Rail port Project.

Mr. Charlie Myers reported that the proposal on the rail port has been put together and did go before the budget committee. He did acknowledge that there is some hesitation due to cost but that it does have a lot of support. They are working on the RFP and once finished it will go back to the budget committee.

- 3) **RNDC:** Report from Shirley Alen on the RNDC meeting.

Ms. Shirley Alen was absent from the meeting.

#### **I. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Ms. Jolene Supp spoke on how Wells is finishing up its indoor swimming pool as well as how the city staff is working with a developer to build more housing. She spoke on how major growth is coming into the Wells area.

Ms. Kerry Aguirre spoke on how Dr. Conrad Robinson would be joining Dr. Wench's practice. She also spoke on how the hospital was one of 244 hospitals that won Top Performer Awards. Ms. Aguirre finished her report by speaking on how the hospital was still looking into Telemedicine and looking at using it for rural areas.

Mr. Charlie Myers commented on how the VA does Telemedicine and that it is very user friendly.

Ms. Betti Magney spoke on how the Elko Daily Free Press is getting ready for the Northwestern Mining Show in Spokane, Washington.

Ms. Sharon Horn spoke on how RAM Enterprise will be expanding into the Tucson, AZ market and that this would be their 3<sup>rd</sup> AZ operation. She also spoke on how the lack of available housing is affecting their staffing numbers which has them turning down work due to not enough staff.

Mr. John Rice spoke on how Dr. Curtis has been traveling around the state speaking on GBC and what the college offers. He also spoke on how GBC will be trying to make up a 30% gap in funding.

Mr. Brian Wallace spoke on how SBA interest rates are very low right now. He also spoke on how they are wrapping up projects.

Mr. Jonathan Garcia spoke on how ½ a million dollars had been spent on upgrading rural areas. He also spoke on how satellites for internet is being rolled out to the rural areas so that now they can get 5-7 mags of service instead of what they were previously getting.

Ms. Supp asked when T-1 will come to Wells.

Mr. Garcia replied that he wasn't sure but that Frontier is working on getting it out to that area.

Mr. Steve Feasel spoke on how Carlin is remodeling the fire building as well as what new businesses were getting ready to open in Carlin. He also spoke on a RV Park that will house about 400 and how the city rezoned an area for a motel and casino. He concluded his report by stating that the City had 2 new council members.

Mr. Donald Heuser spoke on how the rail port has power and that it isn't online yet due to changes in management. He stated that hopefully by late January or early February it will be online.

Mr. Charlie Myers spoke on how a lot is going on in the county and that the Sage Grouse issue is still one of the biggest things happening. He spoke on how a 9 man group was approved to do research. He then spoke on how during the ECVA Board meeting the housing roundtable was brought up and that the biggest issue for businesses is that there is no housing for employees they are bringing into the area.

Mr. Myers then spoke on how if anyone had any feelings about the proposed gas tax to email or call him as a decision will be made at the next meeting. He also spoke on how the crossover between fire divisions was going and how this was a big and expensive issue and not sure how it will go.

Mr. Don Newman spoke on how Festival of Trees was wrapping up at the Convention Center. He invited everyone to attend the last night and reminded everyone that bidding ended that night at 7pm. He also spoke on the new event calendars that just came out as well as how the YTD room tax was up from last year. He also spoke on how business is being turned away due to the building being booked and how the available meeting spaces in town were also booked.

Ms. Borda spoke on how she was working to get another large hotel chain to move into the area, one with a lot of meeting room space.

Mr. Newman finished his report by speaking on how the Fire Science Academy may not be renting out its facility anymore, Newmont had called the ECVA looking for a place to house its Annual Refresher Training and no dates were available for them.

Mr. Todd Valline mentioned that the Fire Science Academy had previously hosted events and that they may not be doing that anymore.

Ms. Sharon Horn mentioned that Jen Sprout from the Chamber called to see if the Chamber could host its installation dinner in her building.

Mr. Chris Melville thanked Ms. Borda for the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting and stated that the meeting went well. He then spoke on how the waste water project was finished and that there was now a good infrastructure for water for the community. He then

continued to speak on other events happening in West Wendover, the Red Garter Casino is finishing their remodeling project and that in a few months it should be decided if a propane utility will be acquired by the city.

Ms. Kimberly Owen stated that an apartment project is now moving forward.

**J. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**K. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:**

Ms. Borda stated that the December meeting was canceled due to the Christmas holiday and that the next meeting would be in January 2013.

**L. ADJOURN**

Mr. Kelly Wilson adjourned the meeting at 2:17pm.

