

**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, October 23, 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](http://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:**

Vince Mendiola-City of Winnemucca (via phone)

Delmo Andreozzi-Elko County (via phone)

Mike Sharkozy-Eureka County (via phone)

Shirley Alen-Kellerman-Nevada State Bank

Carol McKenzie-White Pine County (via phone)

Sharon Horn-RAM Enterprise (via phone)

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Betti Magney-Elko Daily Free Press

Lisa Becker-Newmont Mining

Jennifer Koopman-N.N. Regional Hospital

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

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**Pam Borda let all know that the December meeting would fall on Christmas so we will cancel that meeting. She also wanted to get feedback on switching the day/time of the monthly meetings as well. There are many that have expressed Monday's are not working out. Pam will send an email out but it looks like the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 1:30 pm might work better for everyone.**

**D. MINUTES:**

- 1) Approval of the September 2017 Board Retreat Minutes and the October 10, 2017 Special Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.

**For Possible Approval**

**ACTION: Betti Magney made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for September and October. Mike Sharkozy seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

**E. NNRDA FINANCIALS:**

- 1) Review and approval of Financials for August and September 2017.

**For Possible Approval**

**ACTION: Mike Sharkozy made a motion to approve the Financials for August and September 2017. Vince Mendiola 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**  
**NO ACTION TAKEN:** Pam asked the Board if we still need a resolution for Amtrak as it's been several months. After some discussion, Pam told the Board that she'd look into it further.
- 2) Discussion on not pursuing the EPA Brownfields grant this year.  
**Pam let the Board know that we have decided not to pursue the grant at this time. She doesn't have the time to do all the research and paperwork involved.**
- 3) Review and discussion on the Director's retirement at the end of 2017.  
**Pam has decided to retire at the end of this year. She has been actively looking for a replacement that could hit the deck running. The ideal candidate would be someone that she knows will do a better job and take the organization to the next level.**
- 4) Review, discussion and possible appointment of a new Director and all matters properly related thereto. **For Possible Approval**  
**Pam feels that Sheldon Mudd is the absolute best candidate to take her place. He has been in our office and knows what the job entails already. He has a proven track record in his current position with the Nevada's Governor's Office of Economic Development. Pam would like Sheldon to begin on November 27, 2017 so she can give him a few weeks with her for training. Pam Borda will look at the current salary range for the Executive Director as the current one was set before we added 4 counties and 2 cities to our organization. After some discussion everyone agreed to take action.**  
**ACTION:** Vince Mendiola made a motion to approve Sheldon Mudd as the next Executive Director for NNRDA with a starting salary of \$102,577.00/year with all County benefits and his hire date being November 27, 2017, and also accept Pam Borda's retirement date as being December 29, 2017. Mike Sharkozy seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- 5) Review, discussion and possible approval to hold off hiring the second ED Specialist until January to allow the new director to fill the position. **For Possible Approval**  
**ACTION:** Mike Sharkozy made a motion for approval to hold off hiring the second ED Specialist until after January. Jennifer Koopman seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- 6) Review, discussion and possible approval to appoint a sub-committee to work on changes to the legislation for incentives for rural Counties. **For Possible Approval**  
**Pam Borda reminded the Board that this topic came up at the Board Retreat and as it's very near and dear to her heart, she wants to see it through. She would like to get a sub-committee together and begin working on this before she retires. If Sheldon wants her help, she would go to Carson City and lobby for legislation change to help our rural communities. Shirley would like to be a part of the committee as a learning experience, Delmo said depending on timing he would try to help. Pam will send out an email to the rest of the Board for additional feedback. Mike Sharkozy mentioned reaching out to J.J. Goicoechea as well.**  
**ACTION:** Mike Sharkozy made a motion to appoint a sub-committee to work on changes to the legislation for incentives for the rural counties. Betti Magney seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**G. REPORTS**

- 1) **Status Report and Leads:** Staff will provide status on various activities, projects and leads as well as the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report that was provided to GOED.  
**Pam Borda quickly went over a few things that we've been busy with. Sheldon has been super busy as well. One of the companies we've been talking to would train new hires in very specific dynamics. They have been talking with GBC as well so they can team up and work together. Kinross and KGHM joined at the Premium Level which we are thankful for.**
- 2) **RNDC:** Report from Shirley Alen-Kellerman on RNDC meetings.  
**RNDC had their Annual Meeting in July and there have been many changes since Mary Kerner became the Director. Maybe the biggest change would be getting the new accounting system so the staff isn't handwriting everything. Shirley brought a handout showing what RNDC did as a whole for rural**

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**Nevada in FY2016-17 in their housing lending area. Shirley will send Kris a copy to send out to the Board.**

- 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 1:45 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted:**

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**Kris Ashdown, NNRDA Executive Assistant**