

**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, October 24, 2012  
1:00 p.m. PST**

**A. CALL TO ORDER: By NNRDA Chairman of the Board Dave Zornes**

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.eceda.com](http://www.eceda.com).

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

Executive Committee Quorum not met, Board Quorum met.

**STAFF:**

Pam Borda- Executive Director  
Diana Duncan Elwess- Operations Coordinator

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:**

David Zornes- Red Lion Hotel & Casino  
Mary Korpi-Newmont Mining

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Don Newman-E.C.V.A  
Betti Magney- Elko Daily Free Press  
Jonathan Garcia-Frontier Communications  
Mark Curtis-G.B.C.  
Jason Ashby-Joy Global

Kerry Aguirre- N. N. R. H.  
Jeff Brigger-NV Energy via phone  
Shirley Alen-Nevada State Bank  
Sharon Horn-RAM Enterprise

**SUPPORT MEMBERSHIP**

Kimberly Owen-NAI Global  
Kevin Jones- First American Title

**GUESTS:**

George Kleeb- GBC Small Business Development Center

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

City of Carlin  
City of Elko  
City of Wells  
City of W. Wendover  
County of Elko  
Gold Dust West

Ormaza Construction  
Pacific Steel  
Savage Services  
Southwest Gas  
Stewart Title Company

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

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None

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**D. MINUTES:**

- 1) Approval of the August 22, 2012 Combined Meeting Minutes.

**For Possible Approval**

**ACTION:** Betti Magney motioned approval of the August 22, 2012 Combined Meeting Minutes. Jason Ashby seconded the motion. Don Newman abstained. The motion passed.

**E. ECEDA FINANCIALS:**

- 1) Review and approval of Warrants for August and September 2012:

**For Possible Approval**

**ACTION:** Sharon Horn motioned approval of the August and September 2012 Warrants. Mary Korpi seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) Review, discussion and possible approval of NV Energy's assistance with travel and marketing expenses through a donation of \$5,000 and all other matters related thereto.

**For Possible Approval**

**ACTION:** Don Newman motioned approval of the of NV Energy's assistance with travel and marketing expenses through a donation of \$5,000 and all other matters related thereto. Kerry Aguirre seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- 2) Review, discussion and possible approval of the Executive Director to attend Area Development Consultants Forum held in Jacksonville, Florida, December 2-4, 2012 with NV Energy and other RDA's and all other matters related thereto.

NV Energy will cover Executive Director registration and donated \$5,000 to NNRDA to cover other expenses.

**For Possible Approval**

**ACTION:** Mary Korpi motioned approval of the of the Executive Director to attend Area Development Consultants Forum held in Jacksonville, Florida, December 2-4, 2012 with NV Energy and other RDA's and all other matters related thereto. Betti Magney seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- 3) Review, discussion and possible approval of AT&T providing an additional \$2,500 to assist NNRDA with ongoing efforts and all other matters related thereto.

**For Possible Approval**

**ACTION:** Kerry Aguirre motioned approval of AT&T providing an additional \$2,500 to assist NNRDA with ongoing efforts and all other matters related thereto. Jason Ashby seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- 4) Review, discussion and possible approval to write a letter to EPA with copies to our Congressman and Senator as requested by the American Resources Action Network and all other matters related thereto.

**For Possible Approval**

**No Action-** Executive Director Pam Borda recommended not supporting this as it is a national issue and not a local issue.

- 5) Review, discussion and possible approval for the GOED Mining Industry Specialist position to be placed in NNRDA with funding to come from GOED and the Nevada Mining Association and all other matters related thereto.

**For Possible Approval**

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Discussion regarding how current staff is regarded;

Not County employees

Not eligible for County insurance

Eligible per Interlocal for PERS and deferred comp

Discussion of Mining Industry Specialist position and its requirements;

Higher level of wages

Benefits including insurance equal to what the other Industry Specialists are receiving from the State

Questions

Why isn't GOED placing this position within the State system? They do not have the complete funding for the position and cannot accept the secondary funding from Nevada Mining Association.

Who does Mining Specialist report to? Pam Borda and GOED/NMA

Will this position continue to be funded? There are no guarantees. It is an At-Will position and subject to funding.

**ACTION:** Kerry Aguirre motioned approval for the GOED Mining Industry Specialist position to be placed in NNRDA with funding to come from GOED and the Nevada Mining Association with details of benefits to be worked out with GOED. Betti Magney seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- 6) Review, discussion and possible approval to offer benefits to the GOED Mining Industry Specialist position in the form of Employer-Paid PERS and Health Insurance and all other matters related thereto.

**For Possible Approval**

**ACTION:** Shirley Alen motioned approval to offer benefits to the GOED Mining Industry Specialist position in the form of Employer-Paid PERS and Health Insurance and all other matters related thereto. Kerry Aguirre seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- 7) Review, discussion and possible approval of Kimberly Owen of NAI Global as a new member of NNRDA and all other matters related thereto.

**For Possible Approval**

**ACTION:** Don Newman motioned approval of Kimberly Owen of NAI Global as a new member of NNRDA and all other matters related thereto. Mary Korpi seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- 8) Review and discussion of the 1st Quarterly FY2013 GOED Report and all other matters related thereto.

Executive Director Pam Borda went over the new reporting format. GOED has made it much easier to report our information to them on a quarterly basis.

- 9) Review and discussion of the St George's House Consultancy and all other matters related thereto.

Executive Director Pam Borda discussed the trip. Commenting that she was surprised that other parts of the world have the same issues that we face. Discussed white paper being produced and will present when available.

- 10) Review and discussion of the Las Vegas MinExpo and the leads generated by RCI.

Executive Director Pam Borda explained that RCI generated 21 leads for NNRDA. 12-15 of these leads are viable and we may see progress in the next 1-3 years.

**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.

**For Possible Approval**

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No action needed. We have completed the first of the workshops and will be moving on to sector meetings. We have established a good Steering Committee to lead the sector meetings, the survey for the Network Mapping will be ready to send soon. We are on track and progressing.

**H. REPORTS**

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

Executive Director Pam Borda reported a developer made a proposal to owners of property at exit 298 and that offer was accepted. The property is now in escrow. The City of Elko is moving forward on purchasing 110 acres from the State near the Youth Training Center to be developed as industrial land.

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

Executive Director Pam Borda reported that a developer has made a proposal to the County regarding completion of the Railport.

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

Shirley Alan reported that she is now a member of the RNDC Executive Committee. RNDC has money for start ups.

**I. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Members will be provided the opportunity to give a short report on their business or their city/county.

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**K. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

NNRDA's next Combined Executive Committee and Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 28, 2012 at 1:00 pm, GBC EIT 201.

1) Review, discussion and possible approval of moving the December 26th NNRDA Board Meeting to a different day, it falls on the day after Christmas and all other matters related thereto.

By unanimous vote the meeting has been canceled until January 23, 2013.

**L. ADJOURN**

**Respectfully submitted:**

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**Diana Duncan Elwess**  
**Operations Coordinator**