

**NORTHEASTERN NEVADA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
COMBINED MEETING MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD**

**Great Basin College  
McMullen Hall #102 (Conference Room)  
1500 College Parkway  
Elko, NV 89801**

**Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 1:00pm**

**A. CALL TO ORDER: By NNRDA Vice-Chair 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.

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

**STAFF:**

Pam Borda-Executive Director

Kris Ashdown-Executive Assistant

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Curtis Calder-City of Elko

Layla Walz-City of Wells (via phone)

Glen Guttry-Elko County

Shirley Alen-Kellerman-Nevada State Bank

Jan Morrison-Lander County (via phone)

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

David Roberts-Frontier Communications

Mark Curtis-Great Basin College

Jason Ashby-Joy Global

**GUESTS:**

Sheldon Mudd-GOED

Mary Gilbertson-SBDC

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

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**D. MINUTES:**

1) Approval of the February 24, 2016 Combined Meeting Minutes.

**For Possible Approval**

**ACTION: Glen Guttry made a motion to approve the February 24, 2016 Combined Meeting Minutes. Betti Magney seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

**E. NNRDA FINANCIALS:**

1) Review and approval of Financials for February and March 2016.

**For Possible Approval**

**ACTION: Mark Curtis made a motion to approve the Financials for February and March 2016. Glen Guttry seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

**F. NEW BUSINESS:**

1) Review, discussion and possible approval for NNRDA to raise local government rates excluding Elko County.

**For Possible Approval**

**ACTION: Mark Curtis made a motion of approval for NNRDA to increase local government rates from \$1.05 pp to \$1.10 pp and using the updated population numbers from 2014 (currently using population from 2012). Glen Guttry seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

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- 2) Review, discussion and possible approval to provide a letter of support for Great Basin College's request to become a state college. **For Possible Approval**

Great Basin College President Mark Curtis explained to the board why he would like to see the community college become a state college. The college would still serve as a community college but as a state college they could offer more bachelor degrees without having to go through extra time consuming steps. The first step being the "right or refusal from the presidents" and the second step would be easier because we wouldn't be questioned whether we had the authority to offer general bachelor degrees. The last piece is to always look to the future, in essence, you are either getting better or getting worse. Maintaining the status quo is impossible. President Curtis is looking into the future for the college and the rural community, and is seeking a letter of support from NNRDA.

**ACTION: Glen Guttry made a motion to approve NNRDA to provide a letter of support for Great Basin College's request to become a state college. Jason Ashby seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

- 3) Review, discussion and possible approval for the Counties of White Pine and Eureka to join NNRDA and other matters properly related thereto. **For Possible Approval**

**ACTION: Glen Guttry made a motion to approve the Counties of White Pine and Eureka to join NNRDA. Betti Magney seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

- 4) Review, discussion and possible approval or direction to secure additional resources and staff in light of adding 2 additional counties to the NNRDA. **For Possible Approval**

**ACTION: Glen Guttry made a motion to approve NNRDA working to secure additional resources and staff in light of adding 2 additional Counties. Jason Ashby seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

- 5) Review, discussion and possible approval to submit a grant request to the Economic Development Administration to develop a comprehensive economic development strategy that would encompass all of the counties and communities in the region. **For possible approval**

**ACTION: Glen Guttry made a motion to approve NNRDA to submit a grant request to the Economic Development Administration to develop a comprehensive economic development strategy that would encompass all of the counties and communities in the region; adding that if NNRDA is successful staff will come back to the Board for more input of the strategic planning. Betti Magney seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

- 6) Review and discussion of the GOED 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter reports.

Executive Director, Pam Borda, briefly discussed the GOED 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter reports. We have been busy this last quarter but as the board can read the reports Pam would like Sheldon to talk about his trip to Canada and Mary to talk about the startup companies that she has been working with. Sheldon Mudd went to the Prospectors Association of Canada to represent Nevada and to see if ultimately Nevada needed to have a presence there. A lot of countries were in attendance, including Kazakhstan and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, but Nevada was not. Sheldon gave a presentation to the folks in Ontario and as a result, we have about 16 companies coming with the Ontario delegation to the International Mining Expo in Las Vegas this September plus another 17 or so companies coming on their own to check out Nevada to see what's going on – a few of those are interested in locating here in Elko. Sheldon felt the trip was successful and looks forward to see what comes from it.

Mary Gilbertson is currently working with a few companies that are already here in Elko but are struggling. One being a small hotel that has been struggling due to the new, bigger chain hotels coming into town. She has been working on the marketing side of this business. Another business has been hit by online sales, Marshall's, and Ross so again we are working to see how we can market their business better. Another one would be a sports bar and grill that's hopefully going to open in Battle Mountain. The potential owners have done a great job with their business plan and hope to get financing for their project. In Wells, there's an entrepreneur who is trying to buy a few of the local motels to renovate them.

- 7) Status report on the "Housing Summit" in Elko on February 25, 2016.

Pam Borda stated that the Housing Summit was a success in terms of the amount of information exchanged and the amount of information everyone learned. The disappointing part was there were no easy answers so we are still at the table trying to look at each community individually and how we get them housing using specific resources.

- 8) Status of the Community Foundation of Elko County.

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**G. REPORTS**

- 1) **Status Report and Leads:** Staff will provide status on various activities, projects and leads.
- 2) **RNDC:** Report from Shirley Alen-Kellerman on RNDC meetings.  
Shirley wanted to put rumors to rest that RNDC is not closing down, it's RNMC that has been dissolved. The RNDC wants to get out of the property management area and focus on RNDC's original intent. RNDC is looking for a new CEO and have someone in mind that is already on staff but have not appointed them yet.
- 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 2:31 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted:**

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**Kris Ashdown, NNRDA Executive Assistant**