

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

**ECVA- Cedar Room
700 Moren Way
Elko, NV 89801
Wednesday, February 22, 2012
11:30 a.m. PST**

A. CALL TO ORDER: By ECEDA Chairman of the Board David Zornes

The agenda for this meeting of the Elko County Economic Diversification Authority (ECEDA) 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.

ECEDA's monthly board meeting agenda and board meeting minutes are now posted for public viewing on our website at www.eceda.com.

B. ROLL CALL: Introductions of Board Members and Guests

STAFF:

Pam Borda- Executive Director
Diana Duncan Elwess- Operations Coordinator

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

David Zornes- Red Lion Hotel & Casino
John Rice- City of Elko
Jolene Supp- City of Wells
Charlie Myers- County of Elko
Kelly Wilson- Pacific Steel & Recycling

BOARD MEMBERS:

Don Newman- E.C.V.A.
Lynn Mahlberg- G.B. C.
Kerry Aguirre N. N. R. H.
Jason Ashby-P& H MinePro Services

Sharon Horn-RAM Enterprise
Shirley Alen- Nevada State Bank
Jeff Brigger-NV Energy via phone
Ted McElvain-Southwest Gas

GUESTS:

GINNA REYES- El Aero
Matt McCarty- Marriott
Jennifer Sprout- Chamber of Commerce
Rob Stokes- Elko County
Larry Weir- Ruby Radio
Mrs. White- Citizen

MEMBERS ABSENT:

AMEC Earth & Environmental
City of West Wendover
Elko Daily Free Press
Frontier Communications
Gold Dust West

Ormaza Construction
Newmont Gold
Savage Services
Stewart Title Company

C. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

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None

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D. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Review, discussion and possible approval to submit a letter of support for General Moly's Mt. Hope project after reviewing the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The letter addresses only section 3.17 of the DEIS as it pertains to Elko County and the Cities within the county.

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Charlie Myers motioned approval to submit a letter of support for General Moly's Mt. Hope project. The letter addresses only section 3.17 of the DEIS as it pertains to Elko County and the Cities within the county. Include in the letter that other companies will benefit from this project. Kelly Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- 2) Discussion of GOED State Plan and its potential impact to rural development authorities.

ECEDA board discussion of the State Plan;

Still more questions than answers.

Where is the money coming from?

How will a regional effort serve all interests?

When considering 6 counties, could they be considered as a powerhouse to help during Legislation?

Six counties have too much territory.

Feels that the state perceives unlimited money in the rurals.

Create a loose coalition.

What are the pros and cons? Following the states direction means that we would keep the funding that we currently get. Hard feeling will emerge when the smaller areas are not getting the businesses that they think they should get when competing with Elko County.

This plan was developed from the top down.

Will lose staff time to the RDA and shifting focus from ECEDA.

Outcome of phone conference with GOED;

The state will pay \$15,000 for a planning session.

The planning session will be held March 29 and 30, 2012.

ECEDA board decision;

Create a regional development authority- Northeastern Nevada Regional Development Authority.

Send an invitation for Eureka, Lander and White Pine counties to join NNRDA equal to ECEDA's current government membership process. Eventually inviting private business from these counties to join.

Begin working with County Attorney on procedure to change name and Interlocal agreements with the County and cities and all other documentation to reflect NNRDA.

In the funding cycle ECEDA needs to request additional money, not less than \$75,000 with no maximum cap.

- 3) Review, discussion and possible direction on developing a regional development authority, associated strategy planning and all other matters related thereto.

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Charlie Myers motioned approval on developing a regional development authority, associated strategy planning and all other matters related thereto. Jolene Supp seconded the motion. The motion passed.

ACTION: Charlie Myers motioned approval to pursue additional funding during the upcoming RFP process from GOED. At a minimum of \$75,000 with no maximum cap. John Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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F. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

ECEDA's next Combined Executive Committee and Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 1:00 pm, GBC Berg Hall Conference Room.

G. ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted:

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Diana Duncan Elwess

Operations Coordinator ECEDA