

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

**Great Basin College, Berg Hall  
1500 College Parkway  
Elko, NV 89801  
Wednesday, February 26, 2014  
1:00 p.m. PST**

**A. CALL TO ORDER: By NNRDA Immediate Past 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**

**STAFF:**

Pam Borda-Executive Director  
Kris Ashdown-Executive Assistant

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

John Rice-City of Elko  
Charlie Myers-Elko County

Jay Duke-City of Carlin

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Don Newman-ECVA  
Hope Cripps-NNRH  
Matt Hoyer-Pacific Steel  
Tony Buettner-Buettner Construction

Betti Magney-EDFP  
Jeff Brigger-NV Energy (via phone)  
David Zornes-Red Lion  
Christina Kramar-Hilton Garden Inn

**GUESTS:**

George Kleeb-SBCD

**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.

1) Presentation by Assistant County Manager Randy Brown on County response to BLM's Sage Grouse Plan. Assistant County Manager Randy Brown presented a power point for the County response to BLM's Sage Grouse Plan. Elko County is MOSTLY Sage Grouse Habitat and if the Sage Grouse gets listed it will devastate Elko County for future ranching, grazing, development, and recreation.

**\*\* Did not have an executive quorum for today's meeting. All ACTION items will require approval of the Executive Committee at a later date.**

**D. MINUTES:**

1) Approval of the January 22, 2014 Combined Meeting Minutes.

**For Possible Approval**

**ACTION:**

Don Newman made a motion to approve the January 22, 2014 Combined Meeting Minutes. Betti Magney seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**E. ECEDA FINANCIALS:**

1) Review and approval of Financials for January 2014.

**For Possible Approval**

**ACTION:**

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Charlie Myers made a motion to approve the Financials for January 2014. Hope Cripps seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) Review, discussion and possible approval to expend \$1500.00 for NNRDA to sponsor a Leadercast webinar to be held at GBC. **For Possible Approval**

There was discussion to take a few of the tickets that we receive and find deserving college students to give them to.

**ACTION:**

Charlie Myers made a motion to approve to expend \$1500.00 for NNRDA to sponsor the Leadercast webinar that will be held at GBC. Jay Duke seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- 2) Review, discussion and possible approval of the annual review and increase in compensation for the Executive Assistant. **For Possible Approval**

**ACTION:**

Charlie Myers made a motion to approve a wage increase for the Executive Assistant. Betti Magney seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- 3) Review, discussion and possible approval of NNRDA's draft survey to send to member's that do not renew their membership. **For Possible Approval**

After some discussion that NNRDA should have the Chair person and the Executive Director meet with the member to discuss why they are not renewing their membership. Even if it's only 5 minutes to show them they are valuable to our organization and also to be aware if we as a Board need to make changes to what we are doing. It was also brought up that we should be pro active and create a survey that we send out periodically to all members. Executive Director, Pam Borda, stated that we don't want to get carried away with this because it's very rare that members leave.

**ACTION:**

Charlie Myers made a motion to approve NNRDA's draft survey to send to members that do not renew their membership. Jay Duke seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- 4) Review, discussion and possible approval and/or direction regarding the possible listing of the Sage Grouse as an endangered species and BLM's Draft Land Use Plan Amendments and Environmental Impact Statement and all other matters related thereto. **For Possible Approval**

**ACTION:**

John Rice made a motion that in regards to agenda item 4, we direct staff to wait for a subsequent report from the BLM and at that time to notify the board to draft a response to that report and in the meantime the board will reply to any questions asked about this subject as we have not taken a formal stand on this issue; although, we are monitoring this issue very closely and are extremely concerned about the economic impact that listing the sage grouse will have on development in Elko County. Charlie seconded the motion with discussion that NNRDA has a responsibility to continue to put their ear to the ground and to begin to put together- along with the Board-a response to the BLM or USFW depending on which one responds first. The motion passed.

- 5) Review, discussion and possible approval of NNRDA opposing the Margins Tax and the change of mining net proceeds tax in the constitution and all other matters related thereto. **For Possible Approval**

**ACTION:**

No action taken at this time but NNRDA staff is to create a draft letter opposing the Margins Tax and also to seek legal council to confirm if NNRDA can donate money to help fight the Margins Tax proposal then proceed from there.

- 6) Status of the Exit 298 project.

Executive Director, Pam Borda, is waiting for Newmont Mining's response before any further action can be taken.

- 7) Request by Councilman Rice to discuss impact fees.

John Rice related information that there is a \$400,000.00 gap that neither the city of Elko nor the developer has. It's been discussed that some communities have impact fees to help pay for development costs and maybe this should be considered.

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**G. OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) Review progress on strategic planning committees.

**H. REPORTS**

- 1) **Status Report and Leads:** Staff will provide status on various activities, projects and leads.
- 2) **NNRR Project:** Commissioner Charlie Myers and staff will report on the progress of the County's NNRR Planning Committee and the Railport Project.
- 3) **RNDC:** Report from Shirley Alen on the RNDC meeting

**I. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**No Special Presentation this month due to multiple agenda items.**

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 March 26, 2014 at 1:00 pm, GBC Berg Hall.

**L. ADJOURN**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:35pm.

**Respectfully submitted:**

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**Kris Ashdown, NNRDA Executive Assistant**