

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

**Great Basin College Berg Hall
Wednesday, January 25, 2012
1:00 p.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

Cliff Eklund-City of Carlin

Delmo Andreozzi- City of Elko Alternate

Charlie Myers- County of Elko

Chris Melville- City of West Wendover- via phone

Mary Korpi- Newmont Gold- via phone

BOARD MEMBERS:

Don Newman- ECVA

Betti Magney- Elko Daily Free Press

Mardell Wilkins- G.B. C. Alternate

Kerry Aguirre N. N. R. H.

Jason Ashby-P& H Mine Pro Services

Kelly Wilson- Pacific Steel & Recycling

Sharon Horn-RAM Enterprise

David Malarchik- Frontier Communications

Shirley Alen- Nevada State Bank

Jeff Brigger-NV Energy via phone

Ted McElvain-Southwest Gas

GUESTS:

None

MEMBERS ABSENT:

AMEC Earth & Environmental

City of Wells

Gold Dust West

Ormaza Construction

Savage Services

Stewart Title Company

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.

None

D. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 2011 COMBINED MEETING MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Charlie Myers motioned approval of the December 2011 Combined Meeting Minutes. Cliff Eklund seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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E. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 2012 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE **For Possible Approval**

ACTION: Mary Korpi motioned approval of the January 2012 Executive Committee Special Meeting Minutes. Charlie Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed

F. ECEDA FINANCIALS:

- 1) Review and approval of Warrants for December 2011:

For Possible Approval

Executive Director Pam Borda reported that ECEDA is on track and doing well with the budget. ECEDA was approved for the remainder of the 2011-2012 funding from the GOED. Pam also went over an ad that ECEDA is going to place in Trade & Industrial Magazine.

ACTION: Charlie Myers motioned approval of the December 2011 Warrants. Cliff Eklund seconded the motion. The motion passed

G. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Review, discussion and possible approval of nominations and early elections for the Executive Committee FY 2012-2013 as the Chairperson Angela Hansen is unable to finish her term FY 2011-2012.

David Zornes to be nominated for remainder of FY2011-2012 and FY 2012-2013- 1 year term as Chairperson

Kelly Wilson to be nominated for remainder of FY 2011-2012 and FY 2012-2013- 1 year term as Vice Chairperson

Other Nominations to be nominated for remainder of FY 2011-2012 and FY 2012-2013- 1 year term

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Charlie Myers motioned approval of nominations for remainder of FY 2011-2012 of David Zornes- Chair and Kelly Wilson- Vice Chair and early elections for the Executive Committee FY 2012-2013 of David Zornes- Chair and Kelly Wilson- Vice Chair. Cliff Eklund seconded the motion. Dave Zornes abstained. The motion passed

- 2) Review, discussion of the 2nd Quarter Report of Performance for Local Development Grant Program
Pam Borda reviewed the 2nd Quarter Report with the Board.

- 3) Review, discussion and possible approval of the ECEDA Newsletter

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Cliff Eklund motioned approval of the ECEDA Newsletter. Charlie Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

The Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) is pushing for regional development authorities as created by the Legislative Bill AB449. Pam Borda has contacted Western Nevada Development District to see how they are created and how they operate. White Pine would like to create a region with Elko and Eureka counties. Pam presented the regional plan to the Elko County Commissioners and they have approved the regional authority in conception. They feel that there are too many questions that have not been answered by GOED. There has been no clear direction from the state on how to create or where will the funding come from?

ECEDA Board comments;

Can Elko County be its own region? Elko County does fit the criteria to be a region but that is not how GOED wants to develop regions.

Smaller counties will feel that they will be bullied by Elko.

It is hard enough to work with the communities that Elko County has.

How will the regional approach be fair to all players?

Where will the money come from, how will it be processed?

Need to establish commonalities in communities.

What does Elko get? Can see the benefits for the smaller communities.

Benefits;

Joint marketing, leveraging strengths, leads.

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

For Possible Approval

No action taken. Keep looking into regions. The GOED needs to tell ECEDA what they are thinking.

- 6) Review, discussion and approval of new members:
Wells Propane, Inc- Corporate Member

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Charlie Myers motioned approval of new member Wells Propane, Inc. Don Newman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

H. REPORTS

- 1) **Status Report and Leads:** Staff will provide status on various activities, projects and leads. A written Staff Report was provided at the meeting. The highlights are, the ECEDA Videos, they are complete and we have had great feedback. DIDI is continuing to progress, and Pam Borda will be attending a STEM Summit in Las Vegas in March.
- 2) **NNRR Project:** Commissioner Charlie Myers and staff will report on the progress of the County's NNRR Planning Committee and the Railport Project. The NNRR Planning Committee is putting together a Railport Overview to present to the County and the road East Idaho St. is an issue as it is in dire need of repair.
- 3) **RNDC:** Report from Shirley Alen on the Rural Nevada Development Corporation (RNDC) meeting. Shirley reported that in the 2nd Quarter, Elko County received 2 down payment assistance, 1 home remodel loan, and a business received 90,000 in assistance from RNDC.

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

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.

L. ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted:

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Diana Duncan Elwess
Operations Coordinator ECEDA