

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

**Great Basin College
McMullen Hall, Room 102**

1500 College Parkway
Elko, NV 89801

Monday, March 27, 2017 at 1:00pm

A. CALL TO ORDER: By NNRDA Vice Chairman of the Board Dr. Mark Curtis. Mark called the meeting to order and began the agenda items until Shirley arrived and took over at item number F-3.

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.nnrda.com.

B. ROLL CALL: Introductions of Board Members and Guests

STAFF:

Pam Borda- Executive Director

Kris Ashdown-Executive Assistant

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Marlene Brissenden-Humboldt County

Vince Mendiola-City of Winnemucca

Mark Curtis-Great Basin College

Pat Robison-City of Ely (via phone)

Chris Melville-City of West Wendover (via phone)

Layla Walz-City of Wells (via phone)

Shirley Alen-Kellerman-Nevada State Bank

Steve Stork-White Pine County (via phone)

BOARD MEMBERS:

Rhonda Zuraff-Newmont Mining

Katie Neddenriep-Barrick Gold

Jason Ashby-Joy Global (via phone)

Lori Ayala -A Plus Total Care

Don Newman-Elko Convention & Visitors Authority

GUESTS:

Sheldon Mudd-GOED

Elaine Blackham-White Pine County (via phone)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

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D. MINUTES:

1) Approval of the February 2017 Combined Meeting Minutes.

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Katie Neddenriep made a motion to approve the February 2017 Combined Meeting Minutes. Steve Stork seconded the motion. The motion passed.

E. NNRDA FINANCIALS:

1) Review and approval of Financials for February 2017.

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Katie Neddenriep made a motion to approve the Financials for February 2017. Marlene Brissenden seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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F. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Review of the final version of the Resource Guide.
Pam Borda, Executive Director, passed the latest version of the Resource Guide around the table for all to see. It has been sent to the Elko Daily Free Press and should be put on our website within a few weeks. Pam thanked Great Basin College and Laura Gallegos for all their help putting the information together in a great format.
- 2) Review and discussion of the Mining Reverse Expo event on March 15, 2017.
The Mining Reverse Expo was a smashing success! It sold out again and what was exciting for Pam was the second piece offered this year with Michele Reeves who gave a presentation on people's trade show booths then later critiqued them and gave ideas for improvement and on how to draw people in. It sold out as well! There were 82 different companies which were the max we could handle. Among those were guests from Australia, Finland, and several companies from Canada!
- 3) Review, discussion and possible approval to expend up to \$2,000.00 on food and expenses to host the Canadian Delegation visiting the Region the week of April 24 to 28 thanks to the efforts of Sheldon Mudd, GOED MIS. **For Possible Approval**
Pam Borda let the Board know that while Sheldon has traveled to Canada several times, his hosts have always been very kind to him and we would like to do the same for them while they are in Elko. Breakfast/dinner will be a count of 10 and lunch will be 30 to 40 people catered by Ogi Deli. We will send out flyers to our members with the details. Don Newman let us know about the Rural Roundup that the Delegation would be welcome to attend.
ACTION: Rhonda Zuraff made a motion for approval to expend up to \$2,000 on food and expenses to host the Canadian Delegation visiting the Region the week of April 24th to 28th. Katie Neddenriep seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- 4) Review of the Eureka County Video.
- 5) Review, discussion and possible approval of two special meetings per year to get all executive committee members to attend in person. **For Possible Approval**
NO ACTION TAKEN: Pam Borda thought Jolene's idea of having one or two meetings a year where we get all executive committee members to attend was a great idea. Upon further thought, Pam suggested picking a different community each time so the different members can showcase their community and everyone shares in traveling time/expenses. Shirley said the RNDC Board used to do this every quarter but they didn't have the budget to keep it going. She feels that it has hurt the connection they used to have. Everyone agreed that twice a year is a good start, more than that is too much for everyone to commit to. Pam will work on getting one scheduled for summertime.

G. REPORTS

- 1) **Status Report and Leads:** Staff will provide status on various activities, projects and leads.
Pam Borda let the board know that as it's our job to talk about all the good things happening that it's also our job to tell you bad news. We have ran into an issue that we were unaware of until recently when we put in for an incentives package for a manufacturing company for the mining industry that's looking at moving to rural Nevada. The Governor's Office told us that the company must export 51% of their product in order to qualify for an incentive package. This is a huge issue as the company wants to move here because Nevada is where most of their supply is needed. Pam and Sheldon have a conference call scheduled with the company and the Governor's Office tomorrow to see what can be worked out.
- 2) **RNDC:** Report from Shirley Alen-Kellerman on RNDC meetings.
- 3) **GOED Mining Industry Specialist:** Sheldon Mudd update on Mining Industry.
Sheldon Mudd let us know that he had went to PDAC which is the Prospector Developers Association of Canada's annual convention. Most of this was maintaining relationships with companies that he's been in contact with. We did have one major underground mining company incorporate here in the state in February. This company has a lot of unique services to offer our area.
Sheldon also talked about the trade mission that we'll be holding here in late April. Most of the attendees are from Ontario, Canada. They are interested in open pit mining and know that Nevada has

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the expertise to draw from. In return, they want to show us how they do their underground mining in Canada. We would love to promote a healthy relationship on both sides. Pam and Sheldon will be sending out flyers to everyone with specifics for the event.

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 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Kris Ashdown, NNRDA Executive Assistant