

**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

Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 3:00 pm

A. CALL TO ORDER: By NNRDA Chairman 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.

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:

Sheldon Mudd-Executive Director

Kris Ashdown-Executive Assistant

Jan Morrison-Economic Development Officer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Chris Melville-City of West Wendover (via phone)

Vince Mendiola-City of Winnemucca (via phone)

Dave Mendiola-Humboldt County (via phone)

Doug Mills-Lander County

Shirley Alen-Kellerman-Nevada State Bank

Sharon Horn-RAM Enterprise (via phone)

Shane Bybee-White Pine County (via phone)

BOARD MEMBERS:

Betti Magney-Elko Daily Free Press

Lisa Becker-Newmont Mining (via phone)

Jason Ashby-Komatsu Equipment (via phone)

Jennifer Koopman-NN Regional Hospital

GUESTS:

Carol McKenzie-White Pine County (via phone)

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.

D. MINUTES:

1) Approval of the February 22, 2018 Combined Executive Committee and Board Meeting Minutes.

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Betti Magney made a motion to approve the February 22, 2018 Combined Meeting Minutes. Jennifer Koopman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

E. NNRDA FINANCIALS:

1) Review and approval of Financials for February 2018.

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Sharon Horn made a motion to approve the Financials for February 2018. Betti Magney seconded the motion. The motion passed.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1) Review, discussion, and possible approval to draft a letter opposing the Surface Transportation Board's consideration to regulate reciprocal switching on United States rail ways.

For Possible Approval

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NO ACTION TAKEN. We have sent out the inquiry and are waiting on responses from those members that would be most affected. We will hopefully have input for next month's meeting to help us make a determination.

- 2) Review, discussion, and possible approval to adopt public comment on proposed regulation in Chapters 231 & 360 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

For Possible Approval

Sheldon let us know this is the reason why he left Canada a day early so he could attend the meeting in Las Vegas, but the meeting was cancelled. It's imperative that changes are made regarding the incentive packages for new businesses who want to move into Nevada in order for rural communities to compete with the urban areas.

ACTION: Vince Mendiola made a motion to adopt the letter and send as written for public comment on proposed regulation in Chapters 231 and 360 of the NAC's. Jennifer Koopman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- 3) Review, discussion and possible approval to provide NNRDA Development Officer, Jan Morrison, with a 5% annual raise effective February 20, 2018.

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Dave Mendiola made a motion to approve a 5% raise for Jan Morrison to be retroactive for February 20, 2018. Vince Mendiola seconded the motion. The motion passed.

G. REPORTS

- 1) **Status Report and Leads:** Staff will provide status on various activities, projects and leads.

March was super busy with the Canada trip, which was a success even more than usual. It's important for us to get our faces and name out there for exposure and it's working! We had the Reverse Mining Expo the next week. We had the best reviews to date with some attendee's making deals before they even left that day. Staff visited Eureka and Ely and had good visits with both.

Sheldon Mudd discussed having our semi-annual retreat on April 17, 2018 as the new GOED director, Paul Anderson and Matt Moore, the new rural director, will be touring the rural communities and have shown interest in meeting with our Board. We would like it to be held at the Eureka Opera House and it would run tentatively from 10-4 pm.

Jan Morrison gave an update on what she's been working on in Humboldt County. We have a lithium mine that should be opening up real soon. They were at the Reverse Expo and gave rave reviews. The I 11 hearings are coming up for the end of this month. It's the Mexico to Canada connection which could possibly travel through Nevada/Idaho or the other alternative would be Nevada/California/Oregon. Of course we want the connection to come through Nevada and our rural areas. Please get involved to let them know we need the connection in the rural areas!

- 2) **RNDC:** Report from Shirley Alen-Kellerman on RNDC meetings. No update available as they meet on a Quarterly basis.

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 3:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Kris Ashdown, NNRDA Executive Assistant