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*For a message from our Director*

**T**alk about hitting the ground running! NNRDA stepped on the gas three months ago and has yet to let off.

Fortunately, we have been able to get out and visit many of our member counties and communities in this first quarter. Each visit provided us a snapshot of each community, the issues they face, and what projects they deem most essential to development. As you can see by this inaugural newsletter, there were a lot of events that took place this first quarter that we have deemed an overall success. In 2018Q2 we will be taking some time to capitalize on the contacts we have made thus far, as well as reaching out to our private members to hear what concerns and suggestions they have as it pertains to regional development. I want to extend my gratitude for everyone's support and I look forward to what the future holds for our region.

**\*\* Sheldon**

**NEWS**

*From Around the Region....*

*Another Successful*

## ELKO REVERSE EXPO

For the third year in a row, NNRDA has teamed up with the Nevada Mining Association to host the ever growing Elko Reverse Mining Expo. This is a unique event that allows vendors an opportunity to pitch their wares to mine operators through face to face meetings—in a format similar to speed-dating. This year's event did not disappoint as we witnessed more participation than any other year. For the first time the event featured 12 tables occupied by ten of the major mine operators in the state and two high demand vendors. This allowed for more vendor participation which they most certainly took advantage of. The event saw over 50 companies in attendance with nearly half coming from out of state. Further, there were multiple companies represented from outside the state coming from as far as Australia. In addition, the event has already provided positive feedback indicating new connections, new opportunities, and signed business deals!



*New Member*

*Profile*



NNRDA is happy to welcome the Fitzgerald Group as a new member this quarter. Luke and his team specialize in Real Estate and Building. We look forward to having you on board!

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# NNRDA GOES TO CANADA



In March, NNRDA Executive Director, Sheldon Mudd attended the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada's annual convention. This event drew over 25,000 attendees with over 125 countries represented. NNRDA followed up with several companies who have already expressed interest in Nevada along with more than a dozen more who had never given Nevada serious thought. NNRDA continues to follow up on these contacts and is optimistic that a couple will take a serious look at the region. In addition, NNRDA met with leaders of the Sault Ste. Marie Economic Development Corporation, representatives from the Sudbury Area Mining Supply and Service Association (SAMSSA), and civic leaders for the City of North Bay, ON and Greater Sudbury, ON in the hopes to develop strategies that will help our regions capitalize synergies that will make our economies stronger and more sustainable.



In January, ED Officer Jan Morrison

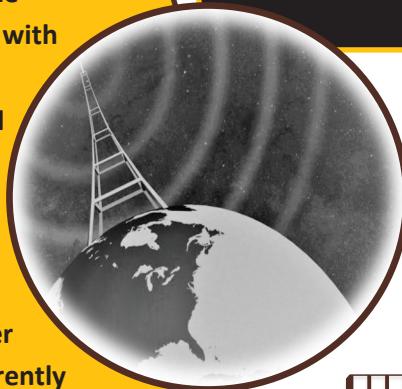
organized "Winnemucca Futures" a half day event that brought civil and private business leaders under one roof to discuss current issues, brainstorm and consider pathways for future economic growth within the county. The program consisted of multiple speakers along with Q&A; participants gained firsthand information and engage speakers as necessary. The event was an enormous success with over 100 attendees from Humboldt county and as far away as Denio. In essence "Winnemucca Futures" provided a venue by which the community can align its objectives and progress forward in unison.

In February, NNRDA Executive Director Sheldon Mudd, met with stakeholders from White Pine County and the City of Ely to hear a presentation from Kathy La Plante, the Senior Program Officer for the National Main Street Center. Attendees asked questions and discussed various opportunities that could arise from participating in the program. Participants were then provided a behind the scenes tour of the Nevada Northern Railway by Director Mark Bassett.



Funding has been secured and an RFP was posted in March for the Humboldt County/City of Winnemucca economic development strategic plan. Proposals have been received and NNRDA's selection committee is currently reviewing the documents with a final selection planned to take place the first week of 2018Q4.

NNRDA continues to be active within the Broadband Action Committee, working with the Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology (GOSIT) and local leaders regarding the lack of broadband services in the region. NNRDA is currently working with two companies who have partnered to provide natural gas and broadband fiber to Elko and Spring Creek. NNRDA is currently working through the EDA application process in order to fund a feasibility study for the project.



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