

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

Great Basin College

**DCIT 201 (Diekhans Center for Industrial Technology)**

1500 College Parkway  
Elko, NV 89801

**Monday, November 28, 2016 at 1:00pm**

**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](http://www.nnrda.com).

**B. ROLL CALL: Introductions of Board Members and Guests**

**STAFF:**

Pam Borda-Executive Director

Kris Ashdown-Executive Assistant

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

Glen Guttry-Elko County

Mark Curtis-Great Basin College

Jan Morrison-Lander County (via phone)

Shirley Alen-Kellerman-Nevada State Bank

Laurie Carson-White Pine County (via phone)

Pat Robison-City of Ely (via phone)

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Betti Magney-Elko Daily Free Press

David Roberts-Frontier Communications

Jason Ashby-Joy Global (via phone)

Rhonda Zuraff-Newmont Mining

**GUESTS:**

Sheldon Mudd-GOED Mining Specialist

Elaine Blackham-White Pine County

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

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**D. MINUTES:**

1) Approval of the October 2016 Combined Meeting Minutes.

**For Possible Approval**

**ACTION: Glen Guttry made a motion to approve the October 2016 Combined Meeting Minutes. Betti Magney seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

**E. NNRDA FINANCIALS:**

1) Review and approval of Financials for October 2016.

**For Possible Approval**

**ACTION: Mark Curtis made a motion to approve the Financials for October 2016. Glen Guttry seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

**F. NEW BUSINESS:**

1) Review, discussion, and update on strategic planning for the region.

**Pam Borda discussed strategic planning for the individual communities within NNRDA. Pam wanted to begin with West Wendover and after meeting with Chris Melville to discuss their options, Chris wanted to wait for a year as he wants to finish up the grants he already has going with CDBG.**

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Next Pam met with the City of Elko, Curtis Calder, to discuss the strategic planning. Curtis is anxious to move forward and said that the City will budget to match the funds. Pam has a meeting later this week to meet with the City of Ely and White Pine County to see where they stand and where to go for funding. Rhonda mentioned that maybe some of the local business members would want to share in the cost to help the strategic planning get taken care of sooner than the 4 to 5 years it will take NNRDA to accomplish on its own. The next step that Pam thinks we should consider is becoming an Economic Development District. The reason for this is that it will open us up for funding for infrastructure which is very important for the smaller communities. The only ED District in Nevada is in Carson City and Pam feels that we could become one on our own very easily.

2) Review, discussion and possible approval to assist the City of Elko by reconvening the airport committee to work on adding Reno/Elko flights through BDR 92. **For Possible Approval**

**ACTION: Dave Roberts made a motion for approval to assist the City of Elko by reconvening the airport committee to work on adding Reno/Elko flights through BDR 92. Glen Guttry seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

3) Review, discussion and possible approval of the newly revised budget including the addition of revenues and expenditures associate with new memberships. **For Possible Approval**

**ACTION: Glen Guttry made a motion to approve the newly revised budget including the addition of revenues and expenditures associated with new memberships. Rhonda Zuraff seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

4) Review, discussion and possible approval of Humboldt County and the City of Winnemucca joining NNRDA if they choose to do so. **For Possible Approval**

**ACTION: Rhonda Zuraff made a motion to approve Humboldt County and the City of Winnemucca joining NNRDA if they choose to do so. Glen Guttry seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

#### **G. REPORTS**

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

2) **RNDC:** Report from Shirley Alen-Kellerman on RNDC meetings.

**Shirley let us know that the RNDC has been going through some changes, they expanded their office and did away with the housing portion so they were able to move that office into the main office in downtown Ely. They are trying to get back on track. Shirley is going to have Mary come to one of our meetings to give us an update.**

3) **GOED Mining Industry Specialist:** Sheldon Mudd update on Mining Industry.

**Sheldon has been tying up loose ends with all the leads they have gotten from around the world. Most of the companies that are interested in Nevada are from out of the country. However, there is one company from Pennsylvania who manufacture bolts for use in underground infrastructure. They manufacture from there but want to distribute from this area. Sheldon is hopeful that if we keep up the good relationship with them that they will eventually consider manufacturing in this area. There are some environmental companies from Australia that are interested in the area as well. Sheldon also spent some time in Clayton Valley and got to see the lithium operations. Due to the lack of infrastructure, Sheldon can see them requiring some of the services that exist here.**

**Sheldon is very happy to announce that they revealed a new program called Operation Bravo. Jacob Park with the Veteran's Resource Center had approached Sheldon in late 2015 with an idea for an internship for local Veteran's. Operation Bravo is for local Veteran's who can attend GBC and gain work experience in the field while they are in school. Barrick Mining has contributed almost \$75,000 to the project. The program will also mentor that Veteran to help with the transition back into the workforce. Thanks to Barrick funding part of the marketing, Operation Bravo will have a few pages in the GI Military Magazine that is distributed to over 500 thousand members from all over the world. The next step is to have local companies sign up to be a military friendly workplace.**

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4) **SBDC:** Report from Mary Gilbertson on Small Businesses.

**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: The meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm.**

**Respectfully submitted:**

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**Kris Ashdown, NNRDA Executive Assistant**