

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

**Great Basin College
McMullen Hall # 102**

1500 College Parkway
Elko, NV 89801

Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at 1:00 pm

A. CALL TO ORDER: By NNRDA Chairman of the Board Frans Yorgesen

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 (via phone)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Rebecca Darling-Barrick Gold

Reece Keener-City of Elko Mayor

Jolene Supp-City of Wells

Vince Mendiola-City of Winnemucca (via phone)

Jon Karr-Elko County

Rich McKay-Eureka County

Marlene Brissenden-Humboldt County (via phone)

Frans Yorgesen-Southwest Gas

BOARD MEMBERS:

Nancy Streets-EDFP

Lisa Becker-Newmont Mining

Jennifer Koopman-NNRH

GUESTS:

Fred Steinmann-UNR, Reno

Paul Bottari-ECAR

Maria Anderson -Barrick Gold

C. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

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D. MINUTES

1) Approval of the November 2018 Combined Executive Committee and Board Meeting Minutes.

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Jolene Supp made a motion to approve the November 2018 Combines Executive Committee and Board Meeting Minutes. Lisa Becker seconded the motion. The motion passed.

E. NNRDA FINANCIALS:

1) Review and approval of Financials for November and December 2018.

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Rebecca Darling made a motion to approve the Financials for November and December 2018. Reece Keener seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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F. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Discussion and consideration of a request from Elko County Association of Realtors that NNRDA join a coalition to demand that the Nevada Department of Water Resources prove that there is truly an inter-connective flow to the Humboldt River from underground sources.

For Possible Approval

NO ACTION TAKEN: Paul Bottari with ECAR gave a brief presentation on the issues surrounding unappropriated groundwater in the respective basins, where the natural flow of water goes and if there's truly an inter-connective flow into the Humboldt River. ECAR is awaiting current flow studies to be finalized before moving forward with forming a coalition.

- 2) Review, discussion, and possible approval for region/county wide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) as proposed by the University of Nevada, Reno College of Business.

For Possible Approval

Fred Steinman with University of Nevada, Reno gave a presentation outlining what the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is, how it could help our organization and the cost associated with said program. After much discussion, a motion was reached.

ACTION: Jon Karr made a motion to gather copies of a CEDS and Wells Strategic Plan, then bring to the next Board Meeting for approval on going forward with the CEDS or form a committee to research additional options. Rebecca Darling seconded the motion. The motion passed.

G. REPORTS

- 1) **Status Report and Leads:** Staff will provide status on various activities, projects and leads. Joel Lenz, GOED Mining Specialist, let the Board know that mining has been on the rise for the last few months and is currently over \$1,300 an ounce. It's been positive for continued work on exploration and development companies throughout the state. There are fund mergers occurring with both Barrick and Newmont. There's continued activity with some of the other metals including vanadium and lithium.

Jan Morrison followed with her report. Winnemucca Futures is happening tomorrow which is an economic development forecast for Humboldt County. They have doubled their registration numbers from last year! The strategic planning for Humboldt County has been phenomenal, they're using the addendum portion from the plan and looking/studying long term solutions that small areas are potentially going to experience with all the mining activity.

Sheldon Mudd gave a summary report for the year. Our website redesign is almost ready to go live and is going to be a wealth of information for site selectors! Sheldon shared the Quarterly Report that he sends to GOED which shows what we have been doing. NNRDA has designed a new "New Member Brochure" to help in recruiting additional members. We've hired an economic development officer for White Pine County, Donna Bath. She's already assisting a company in the process of moving to Ely. And today showing more potential clients around White Pine County.

- 2) **RNDC:** Report from Shirley Alen-Kellerman on RNDC meetings. Sheldon Mudd handed out the 2nd quarter statistics for RNDC for Shirley Alen-Kellerman as she was traveling and not able to attend.

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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 2:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Kris Ashdown, NNRDA Executive Assistant