

**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, May 22, 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-EDO (via phone)
Donna Bath-EDO (via phone)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Rebecca Darling-Barrick Gold
Reece Keener-City of Elko
Sam Hanson-City of Ely
Jon Karr-Elko County
Patsy Waits-Lander County
Frans Yorgesen-Southwest Gas

Kristen McCreary-City of Carlin
Vince Mendiola-City of Winnemucca (via phone)
Chris Melville-City of West Wendover (via phone)
Rich McKay-Eureka County
Marlene Brissenden-Humboldt County (via phone)
Shane Bybee-White Pine County (via phone)

BOARD MEMBERS:

Betti Magney-Vitality Unlimited
Barbara Binetti-KGHM Mining (via phone)

Katie Neddenriep-ECVA

C. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

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D. MINUTES:

1) Approval of the February 27, 2019 Combined Executive Committee and Board Meeting Minutes.

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Marlene Brissenden made a motion to approve the February 27, 2019 Combined Executive Committee and Board Meeting Minutes. Patsy Waits seconded the motion. Sam Hanson abstained. The motion passed.

2) Approval of the March 11, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Marlene Brissenden made a motion to approve the March 11, 2019, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. Patsy Waits seconded the motion. Sam Hanson abstained. The motion passed.

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3) Approval of the April 22, 2019 Combined Executive Committee And Board Meeting Minutes.

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Marlene Brissenden made a motion to approve the April 22, 2019 Combined Executive Committee and Board Meeting Minutes. Patsy Waits seconded the motion. Sam Hanson abstained. The motion passed.

E. NNRDA FINANCIALS:

1) Review and approval of Financials for Feb-April 2019.

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Patsy Waits made a motion to approve the financials for Feb-April 2019. Jon Karr seconded the motion. The motion passed.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1) Review, discussion, and possible approval for updated Inter-local / Cooperative Agreement / By-Laws.

For Possible Approval

NO ACTION TAKEN: Sheldon Mudd discussed updates that have been made to all documents and let members of the Board know that he will be sending out updated copies for review and also asked each public member to have their D.A.'s approve them.

2) Review, discussion, and possible approval of non-incorporated town membership in NNRDA.

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Jon Karr made a motion to reject approval for non-incorporated town membership in NNRDA stating they are already represented under the county umbrella. Reece Keener seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3) Review, discussion, and possible approval of NNRDA 2019-2020 proposed annual budget.

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Sam Hanson made a motion to amend and approve the NNRDA 2019-2020 ~~proposed~~ final budget. Patsy Waits seconded the amended motion. Jon Karr opposed. The motion passed.

G. REPORTS

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

Sheldon Mudd asked Jan to share first what she has been working on in Humboldt County. Two main items that Jan has been working on is: 1st – Jan and Humboldt County pulled together a workforce development workshop which was held the previous week. They had an incredible turnout with both civic and government entities attending. One important action that took place was they are teaming up with JOIN, NV to set up a job referral network to capture those employees that were interested (but not hired for the specific job) in moving into the area. Being creative to find a way to keep interested qualified employees in the area is the objective. Another one involves the joint council meeting between the City of Winnemucca and Humboldt County who have approved a job creation/land incentive package, which the guidelines should be coming out soon.

Donna let the Board know that she is excited to begin working with Eureka County. She congratulated Rich McKay on beginning construction on a few new houses in Eureka. The largest project right now has been the Hemp Farm outside of Ely. The week prior she was out to witness the first planting of the first 1 million seeds! The greenhouse is about 300,000 square feet. Donna is working on quite a few other leads such as rail line upgrades, proposed gas, power plants, possible smelters, 3 separate solar companies and tackling housing issues as well. She's working alongside JoJo Myers with broadband installation, NDOT and the Main Street Program.

Sheldon began by letting the Board know that he'll update the bylaws and interlocal then send them out to everyone again. GOED put out their RFP (Request For Proposal) for RDA's which is done every 2 years. Included in this are letters from our members. Sheldon will send out a template you can use and/or change then send back to Sheldon as they are due the end of next week. The CEDS will not be started until after

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the legislative session is over. We will be holding workshops in the different communities and will need contact information to send out invitations. Congratulations to Jan for receiving the Woman of Achievement award from the Nevada Women's Fund in Reno.

We just recently had a company that is looking at property at the Railport. GOED has made 2 trips out to the rural communities which included Melanie Sheldon who has been an advocate for the rural communities. Sheldon attended the Opportunity Zone Fair in Las Vegas and NNRDA supported the Opportunity Fair held at the Convention Center. We are working to get NNRDA's name out there and its working. NNRDA assisted Komatsu in an incentive application with NV Energy's Power Shift program for their expansion project.

2) **RNDC:** Report from Shirley Alen-Kellerman on RNDC meetings. – No report today.

3) **GOED:** Report from Joel Lenz, Mining Industry Specialist.

Joel Lenz let the Board know that mining continues in our region to be prosperous. A lot of projects are moving forward through the permitting process. Marigold Mining has a draft environmental impact statement out for public comment to extend the mine life for another 10 years. The Rocky Mine for barite operations has its final EAS out, and Hycroft has a draft environmental impact statement out waiting for availability before it hits the street. There are many others that are either in the permitting process or have an impact statement pending.

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 2:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Kris Ashdown, NNRDA Executive Assistant