

**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, August 28, 2019 at 1:00 pm

A. CALL TO ORDER: By NNRDA Chair 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)	
Donna Bath-Economic Development Officer (via phone)	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Frans Yorgesen-Southwest Gas	Rebecca Darling-Nevada Gold Mines
Margaret Johnston-City of Carlin	Reece Keener-City of Elko
Vince Mendiola-City of Winnemucca (via phone)	Jon Karr-Elko County
Rich McKay-Eureka County	Marlene Brissenden-Humboldt County (via phone)
Pat Waits-Lander County	Shane Bybee-White Pine County (via phone)

BOARD MEMBERS:

Barbara Binetti-KGHM Mining (via phone)	Susan Goddard-Elko Daily Free Press
Suzanne Featherston-Kinross-Bald Mtn	Betti Magney-Vitality Unlimited
Madison Mahon-Carlin City Manager	

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.

There was no public comment.

D. MINUTES:

1) Approval of the May 22, 2019 Combined Executive Committee and Board Meeting Minutes.

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Reece Keener made a motion to approve the May 22, 2019 Combined Executive Committee and Board Meeting Minutes. Rebecca Darling seconded the motion. The motion passed.

E. NNRDA FINANCIALS:

1) Review and approval of Financials for May-July 2019.

For Possible Approval

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ACTION: Pat Waits made a motion to approve the Financials for May-July 2019 which includes the updates mentioned by Executive Director to change the beginning fund balance and updating the amounts owed from local government after updating population numbers. Rich McKay seconded the motion. The motion passed.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1) Review, discussion, and possible approval for FY2019-2020 NNRDA Chairman & Vice-Chair

For Possible Approval

Reece Keener made a motion to approve Suzanne Featherston to be NNRDA's next Vice-Chair for FY2019-20. Pat Waits seconded the motion. The motion passed. Margaret Johnston made a motion to approve Rebecca Darling who is the current Vice-Chair to move into the Chairperson position. Reece Keener seconded the motion. Rebecca Darling Abstained. The motion passed.

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

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Pat Waits made a motion to approve the Bylaws as written. Jon Karr seconded the motion. The motion passed. NO ACTION TAKEN on Inter-local Agreement. Discussion on the Inter-local Agreement by Executive Director, Sheldon Mudd, states that he has done extensive research about auditing requirements and is waiting a reply from one more source before making a final decision. The Board is in agreement that we would at least want to have a compilation audit annually. Sheldon also let the board know that it will have to be approved by resolution.

3) Review, discussion, and possible approval to contract dedicated marketing consultant.

For Possible Approval

NO ACTION TAKEN: The Board agreed that NNRDA needs to contract with a dedicated marketing consultant but would like to see someone local get the job, if possible. NNRDA will investigate further and come back to the Board.

G. REPORTS

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

Jan Morrison has been busy working on several different projects for Humboldt County. Although she's been working on leads, community capacity building is at the top of her list! Housing and Workforce Development are close behind and working with the City & County on paring down off-sites and deferring hook-up fees has helped as they have two subdivisions coming out of the ground by spring. Jan and Humboldt County have also coordinated with Join, USDA and the Nevada Builder's Alliance to set up a model workforce development program in Humboldt County They've had 4 meetings to date, and are now forming an Advisory Council to move forward, with JOIN in the lead.

Donna Bath has been crazy busy in White Pine County – The hemp farm is going strong! Silver Lion Farms is working with UNR on research for workforce development and training efforts. They are wanting to engage GBC on the workforce development efforts regarding the growing interest in Hemp cultivation. The farm has expanded their land holding to approximately 3,000 acres in WPC and are partnering with farms in Eureka County on experimental growing conditions for hemp in Eureka County.

Donna is working with 3 companies interested in developing the Rail corridor to reach the line in Elko County, 3 companies interested in Solar and a pump storage company. She's working with GOED and Lu Torres on the CEDS document, with GOED on the Main Street Program, with JoJo Myers on the Broadband/E Rate program and with NDOT on work to be completed in Ely downtown. And so much more!

Sheldon Mudd closed with letting the Board know that it's been busy in all our areas. At this time, NNRDA has 27 leads that are researching our area, all in different stages from low-high potential. Sheldon indicated that NNRDA responded to GOED's RFP and has been approved for funding for the next two years. Sheldon has met with two developers (one active in the region and the other new) who are expressing interest in further projects

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within the area that include housing and retail/commercial development. Sheldon also gave a report on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the region explaining that all community/county specific workshops have been completed with three upcoming in October – November to compile the regional document. Sheldon explained that he would like to put together a meet and greet for all NNRDA members both public and private so that everyone can get acquainted with NNRDA staff and board.

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 2:37 pm. Reece Keener made the motion and Jon Karr seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:

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Kris Ashdown, NNRDA Executive Assistant