

**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

**January 22, 2020 at 1:00 pm**

**A. CALL TO ORDER: By NNRDA Chair of the board, Rebecca Darling**

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:**

Sheldon Mudd-Executive Director

Kris Ashdown-Executive Assistant

Jan Morrison-West EDO (via phone)

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

Madison Mahon-City of Carlin

Reece Keener-City of Elko

Michelle Beecher-City of Ely (via phone)

Layla Walz-City of Wells (via phone)

Vince Mendiola-City of Winnemucca (via phone)

Rich McKay-County of Eureka (via phone)

Marlene Brissenden-County of Humboldt (via phone)

Dale Thompson-Kinross, Bald Mountain

Rebecca Darling-Nevada Gold Mines

Heidi Lusby-County of Pershing (via phone)

Patsy Waits-County of Lander

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Susan Goddard-Elko Daily Free Press

Matt McCarty-Great Basin College

Terri Clark-NN Regional Hospital

Donna Bath-Silver Lion Farms (via phone)

**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.

**D. MINUTES:**

1) Approval of the November 19, 2019 Combined Executive Committee and Board Meeting Minutes.

**For Possible Approval**

**ACTION: Reece Keener made a motion to approve the November 19, 2019 Combined Executive Committee and Board Meeting Minutes. Patsy Waits seconded the motion. Rebecca Darling abstained. The motion passed.**

**E. NNRDA FINANCIALS:**

1) Review and approval of Financials for November & December 2019.

**For Possible Approval**

**ACTION: Matt McCarty made a motion to approve the Financials for November and December 2019. Dale Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

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**F. NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Review, discussion, and possible approval to provide NNRDA Executive Assistant, Kris Ashdown with an annual raise effective January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020. **For Possible Approval**

**ACTION: Reece Keener made a motion to approve NNRDA Executive Assistant, Kris Ashdown with a raise effective January 14, 2020. Terri Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

- 2) Review and discussion regarding prison populations within “*Certified Population of Nevada Counties, Cities, and Towns*” estimates and their effect on Public Members annual fees.

**For Possible Approval**

**NO ACTION TAKEN. It was brought up that NNRDA uses the population numbers that the state demographer gives to calculate yearly membership dues which includes the prison populations. It was asked if this is standard procedure as it affects some communities more than others. Madison Mahon brought up the fact that the City of Carlin utilizes the prison workers for projects which has been beneficial for them. Layla Walz stated that the City of Wells is in a unique situation as they fall under the Elko County umbrella. She feels we need to know what we are talking about before making a decision. Vince Mendiola asked if it would include other entities such as local jails, detention centers, etc in the respective cities/counties? Sheldon let all know that this is where it could become a slippery slope if we try to exclude certain areas of the population. It could be a difficult task to keep track of such numbers. Rebecca Darling, as Chair, asked if we needed to table this topic and bring it back to a later meeting giving the Board Members time to research what effect it would have on a community level. Michelle Beecher feels we should table this as well because White Pine County is not in attendance today and she’s sure they would like to weigh in on the conversation. Sheldon can send the numbers to everyone and we will continue the conversation at a later meeting.**

**G. REPORTS**

- 1) **Status Report and Leads:** Staff will provide status on various activities, projects and leads. Sheldon Mudd began with lead numbers. NNRDA has 8 leads with another 20 that we’d classify as inquiries, then another 10 that would be considered low priority. Sheldon asked Jan Morrison to give an update on her area. Jan let the board know that there’s an amazing project on the horizon in Pershing County that she and Heidi have been working on. They cannot give specific details but can say that it’s AG related – NOT mining! The estimated capital investment is half a billion dollars with an estimated employee count of 300-500. Sheldon continued on, since the first of the year we have begun an aggressive digital campaign, hosting Eric Kleinsorge, CEO of WEDA (World Economic Development Alliance) traveling roughly 1,200 miles in 3 days visiting our entire region. We feel he got a good, boots on the ground view of Northeastern Nevada, our industry and our culture. We held several meetings in each area and are ready to tackle the next step. We have Winnemucca Futures coming up on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Jan has worked very hard putting this together and it’s expected to be another huge success. We’ve been working on the Interlocal Agreement and have multiple attorney’s that have to sign off on this, and we have so many comments for changes that it’s now to the point that we need to start from scratch. Sheldon plans on seeking direction from the Elko County attorneys.

**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: Patsy Waits moved to adjourn. Dale Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 2:51 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted:**

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**Kris Ashdown, NNRDA Executive Assistant**