

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

COVID-19

Social distancing restrictions have forced us to conduct this meeting of the Northeastern Nevada Board of Directors and Executive Committee contrary to standard protocol. This meeting will be conducted via the Zoom online meeting platform.

Login information and details will be provided to NNRDA Board and Executive Committee Members.

Information regarding Public Comment can be found below:

April 29, 2020 at 1:00 pm

A. CALL TO ORDER: By NNRDA Chair of the board, Kinross Gold

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.

DUE TO COVID-19 AND UPON DIRECTIVES FROM THE GOVERNOR, THE POSTING REGULATIONS HAVE TEMPORARILY CHANGED AND ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS IS VERY LIMITED

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Madison Mahon-City of Carlin

Reece Keener-City of Elko

Layla Walz-City of Wells

Marlene Brissenden-Humboldt County

Kathleen Ancho-Lander County

Rob McDougal-Pershing County

Suzanne Featherston-Kinross-Bald Mtn

BOARD MEMBERS:

Susan Goddard-Elko Daily Free Press

Matt McCarty-Great Basin College

Alissa Wood-Nevada Gold Mines

Johnny Hargrove-NV Energy

Donna Bath-Silver Lion Farms

Betti Magney-Vitality Unlimited

Terri Clark-NN Regional Hospital

GUESTS:

Heidi Lusby-Pershing County EDA

Patty Herzog-GOED's Director for Rural Economic and Community Development

C. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

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D. MINUTES:

- 1) Approval of the January 22, 2020 Combined Executive Committee and Board Meeting Minutes.

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Reece Keener made a motion to approve the January 22, 2020 Combined Executive Committee and Board Meeting Minutes. Marlene Brissenden seconded the motion. Alissa Wood abstained. The motion passed.

E. NNRDA FINANCIALS:

- 1) Review and approval of Financials for February & March 2020.

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Reece Keener made a motion to approve the Financials for February and March 2020. Layla Walz seconded the motion. The motion passed.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Review, discussion, and possible action to provide NNRDA Economic Development Officer with an annual raise effective February 20th, 2020.

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Matt McCarty made a motion to provide NNRDA Economic Development Officer with an annual raise effective February 20, 2020. Reece Keener seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Matt McCarty made a motion to discount the incarcerated population of counties with facilities in excess of 500 beds from incarceration units out of the annual calculation of membership dues. Rob McDougal seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- 3) Review, discussion, and possible action regarding 2020-2021 NNRDA Annual Budget.

For Possible Approval

Sheldon Mudd included 3 different scenarios for the 2020-2021 NNRDA Annual Budget. With the current situation with COVID-19 he wanted to give the Board different options for how we should operate. Sheldon Mudd suggested that he go back and try to go leaner with the budget but if we could shoot for having the budget approved before the end of June.

ACTION: Terri Clark made a motion to postpone the 2020-2021 NNRDA Annual Budget until such time that Sheldon reports back with alternate options. Reece Keener seconded the motion. The motion passed.

G. REPORTS

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

Sheldon let the Board know that since our last meeting there has been a ton of movement within NNRDA.

To touch on a few of them, Sheldon and a few NNRDA Board Members have held interviews for the EDO position for White Pine/Eureka counties. Sheldon has put together an extensive spreadsheet for the Economic Impact for each county region. We've put together a lead analysis report so we can see what different aspects companies are searching for when they are looking to move or expand to a new area. Business Facilities Magazine should have a spread in their next issue all about Northeastern Nevada. NNRDA wants to get Winnemucca Futures expanded so it will include an east and west event, possibly renaming the event to be more conducive to NNRDA. NNRDA has been talking about setting up a revolving fund to help our communities with small business but with this we would need to set up a committee to create and run it. Jan and Sheldon attended the GOED RDA retreat in Carson City in early February. It was mainly about the State Plan and how are they going to move forward. Jan and Sheldon let them know that last year's plan was not good for rural Nevada. GOED is talking about making it a State Recovery Plan instead of a 5-year plan. We've been working with a few

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entrepreneurs who have great potential and would like to see their vision take off! We had to cancel the Reverse Expo. We have been working on the Inter-local Agreement for 2 years with so many different entities involved that it's next to impossible to please everyone.

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 3:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Kris Ashdown, NNRDA Executive Assistant