

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

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:*

May 28, 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
Jan Morrison-EDO West

Kris Ashdown-Executive Assistant

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Reece Keener-City of Elko
Chris Melville-City of West Wendover
Vince Mendiola-City of Winnemucca
Rich McKay-Eureka County
Kathleen Ancho-Lander County
Suzanne Featherston-Kinross-Bald Mtn

Mike Giles-City of Lovelock
Layla Walz-City of Wells
Jon Karr-Elko County
Marlene Brissenden-Humboldt County
Shane Bybee-White Pine County

BOARD MEMBERS:

Johnny Hargrove-NV Energy
Matt McCarty-GBC

Donna Bath-Silver Lion Farms
Susan Goddard-EDFP

C. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

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D. MINUTES:

- 1) Approval of the April 29, 2020 Combined Executive Committee and Board Meeting Minutes.

For Possible Approval

Sheldon Mudd let the Board know that Matt McCarty had emailed him to clarify his motion on Item F(2) was intended to reduce the respective county's population only by the incarcerated number.

ACTION: Reece Keener made a motion to approve the April 29, 2020 Combined Executive Committee and Board Meeting Minutes with the change mentioned above. Chris Melville seconded the motion. Shane Bybee abstained. Motion passed.

E. NNRDA FINANCIALS:

- 1) Review and approval of Financials for January 2020.

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Jon Karr made a motion to approve the Financials for January 2020. Vince Mendiola seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- 2) Review and approval of Financials for February & March 2020 (Previous agenda listed February and March of 2019)

For Possible Approval

NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED: Sheldon Mudd let the Board know that there was a typo on the Financials last month (They were dated February and March 2019 instead of 2020). Shane Bybee told the board that simple typos can be corrected without the necessity of another vote.

- 3) Review and approval of Financials for April 2020.

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Marlene Brissenden made a motion to approve the Financials for April 2020. Reece Keener seconded the motion. The motion passed.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Review, discussion, and possible action to create an NNRDA committee to explore and determine the feasibility of a regional Catalyst/Revolving Loan Fund (RLF).

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Jon Karr made a motion to create an NNRDA committee to explore and determine the feasibility of a regional Catalyst/Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). Reece Keener seconded the motion. The motion passed. Suzanne Featherston, Layla Walz, Shane Bybee, Reece Keener and Rich McKay volunteered to be on the committee.

- 2) Review, discussion, and possible action to support and sign GoRail's letter to the Surface Transportation Board regarding the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Stagger's Rail Act.

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Jon Karr made a motion to support and sign GoRail's letter to the Surface Transportation Board regarding the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Stagger's Rail Act. Shane Bybee seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

For Possible Approval

ACTION: Marlene Brissenden made a motion to table the budget for 1 month due to COVID-19. Vince Mendiola seconded the motion. Jon Karr approved with a recommendation going forward in this next month to plan on the 20-25% budget cut and also to use conscious spending. The motion passed.

G. REPORTS

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

Sheldon Mudd asked Jan Morrison if she'd provide her update first on the Workforce Development Program then he'll follow up after. Jan began by telling the Board that they have a very large solar project coming in that will help Lander County as well. There's a large project they've been working with Pershing County on that was put on hold due to COVID but is now moving forward to secure their funding and are hoping to make public in June. The home development project is coming along-this has been 2 years in the making! There's 2 housing projects

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that with one already having homes on site and the other should be following right behind by mid-June. The Build Nevada Program is a construction core program that was started in Winnemucca with Aaron West who is with Nevada Builders Alliance. They endorsed a NCCER program which is the National Center for Construction Education and Research. GBC has approved the program and funding has been secured as well.

Sheldon let the Board know that the marketing campaign is beginning to show positive results. Up to April 23rd, 4 emails were sent out to companies which totaled 12,500 emails being sent out and out of those over 400 of those emails were opened and read. Breaking it down even more, 34 people have read almost every email. In turn, Sheldon sent out his own email to these folks. We haven't received phone calls yet from these people but we do expect to see action being taken soon. We have rebranded the Homepage a bit to focus on businesses that might be ready to move to Northeastern Nevada giving an abundance of information on our area and also our local businesses.

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 2:59pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Kris Ashdown, NNRDA Executive Assistant