

**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:*

**June 24, 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](http://www.nnrda.com).

**B. ROLL CALL: Introductions of Board Members and Guests**

**STAFF:**

Sheldon Mudd-Executive Director

Kris Ashdown-Executive Assistant

Jan Morrison-EDO-West

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

Michelle Beecher-City of Ely

Layla Walz-City of Wells

Vince Mendiola-City of Winnemucca

Jon Karr-Elko County

Madison Mahon-City of Carlin

Marlene Brissenden-Humboldt County

Suzanne Featherston-Kinross- Bald Mtn

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Dave Mendiola-Humboldt County

Matt McCarty-Great Basin College

Susan Goddard-EDFP

Donna Bath-Silver Lion Farms

**GUESTS:**

Shirley Alen-Kellerman-RNDC

Patricia Herzog-GOED

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

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**D. MINUTES:**

- 1) Approval of the May 28, 2020 Combined Executive Committee and Board Meeting Minutes.

**For Possible Approval**

**ACTION:** Marlene Brissenden made the motion to approve the May 28, 2020 Combined Executive Committee and Board Meeting Minutes. Jon Karr seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**E. NNRDA FINANCIALS:**

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

**For Possible Approval**

**ACTION:** Marlene Brissenden made the motion to approve the Financials for May 2020. Madison Mahon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**F. NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Review, discussion, and possible approval for FY2020-2021 NNRDA Chairman & Vice-Chair.

**For Possible Approval**

**Sheldon Mudd nominated Terri Clark with NNRH for Vice-chair and Donna Bath with Silver Lion Farms As Chair.**

**ACTION:** Marlene Brissenden made the motion to approve Sheldon's nominations for Donna Bath to be the Chair Person and Terri Clark to be the Vice Chair Person for NNRDA's fiscal year 2020-2021. Vince Mendiola seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

**For Possible Approval**

**Sheldon Mudd let the Board know that after this month the counties and cities will have already voted on their budgets so we will have solid numbers to base our budget on. It might be in our best interest to hold off for another month for accuracy. Sheldon expressed his biggest concern with the new budget is to have money available for our marketing objectives. We have begun to see a lot more momentum than we had ever expected and we don't want to lose that by going silent. Sheldon will re-work the numbers for the budget and will present them next month if that's what the Board decides.**

**ACTION:** Marlene Brissenden made a motion to hold off for one more month regarding the 2020-2021 Annual Budget. Michelle Beecher seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**G. REPORTS**

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

**Sheldon Mudd let the Board know that the lawyers are still going through our Interlocal Agreement.**

**Sheldon sent the latest copy to them 2 weeks ago and explained the situation/our organization to them. We are hoping to have it sorted out by next month.**

**We had a ribbon cutting for Shirley Alen-Kellerman with Rural Nevada Development Corporation (RNDC) who moved into our office on July 1<sup>st</sup>. We have added RNDC back to our reports section, so Shirley will give a report following this. Sheldon thinks having a representative from RNDC right here in the office will be beneficial for the organization.**

**The newly formed committee for the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) program had their initial discussion.**

**They discussed the new Nevada Gold Mines program and which area it would cover so if NNRDA were to move forward with their own RLF program then we would use it to fill in the gap where NGM isn't going to cover. We have initiated talks with RNDC to see if they would be the administrators for our RLF**

**somewhat like they will be doing for NGM's program. We will try to have Mary Kerner with RNDC on one of our next calls to explain how they will be involved.**

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Mining Connect (formerly known as SAMSA) located in Ontario, Canada contacted Sheldon to discuss a partnership with NNRDA to set up some office space for maybe 10 companies for a year to see if they could establish a footprint and want to stay. Obviously, NNRDA would want them to be companies that would fill a needed gap for our area. If it all works out, it could funnel some business to our area. This is still in the works and is about a year out. Sheldon expressed to them that he doesn't want competition for our local businesses unless it's healthy competition. Sheldon has been talking with the state as well to see what other resources might be available. The Canadian folks have already secured the cash so they could stay for at least a year.

As far as marketing, we are expecting an article about our region to come out in the Business In Focus magazine next month. The GSLI marketing company that we've been working with has sent us a lead that we have been working on in the last few weeks. Sheldon sent out 350 email invitations and then held a live presentation online yesterday to introduce NNRDA and to let them know what northeastern Nevada has to offer. There wasn't a lot of participation but if we keep doing these presentations hopefully we can introduce ourselves to everyone out there.

We have added new pages to our website to let the world know that we are not immune but more resistant to the recession, COVID and regulation. We also added a page for Unique Opportunities where you can find some of the studies that have been done.

The CEDS Study is wrapping up. Fred Steinman is planning on being in Wells for a meeting on July 7<sup>th</sup> as the last step. Because of COVID, the university will not allow any workshops but he can give a presentation of the final result so we're moving forward and will have Fred at our next meeting to present the Regional CEDS Document and the Recycling Study.

Jan Morrison wanted to follow up on the BuildNV Core Construction project. They have funding to start but will continue looking for more funding to keep the program healthy and capable of expanding. These classes for construction and building maintenance can be offered at any of the GBC locations which is in ALL of our communities! They want to start scheduling for the upcoming year.

Humboldt County housing, after 2 years of nurturing, is also moving forward. Two home builders have new inventory in their projects, with more on the way. The huge Frontier Village project breaks ground in November. A new luxury home builder is entering the market in July but the name has not been released yet. With the 4<sup>th</sup> builder going into Winnemucca, they now have new homes in the \$195,000 - \$500,000 range being built. This was desperately needed as there are less than 25 resale homes on the market.

Jan has continued working the NV Small Business Development Center, Kathy Halbardier on the PPP loans which some are now beginning to fund.

The billion dollar development that may locate near the Pershing/Humboldt border is moving forward so hopefully next meeting there'll be an announcement.

2) **RNDC:** Report from Shirley Allen-Kellerman, RNDC, Business Lending Representative.

Shirley Alen-Kellerman thanked NNRDA for the office space and the opportunity to report for RNDC. Shirley is anticipating being busy with applicants for the new NGM's loan program that is for businesses that have been opened since January 2020 and have been affected by the COVID. The planned area of coverage is the I 80 corridor which includes Elko, Lander, Humboldt, and Eureka counties. The loans range from \$5,000 to \$100,000 with a low 2% fixed APR. Shirley will be traveling all along the corridor talking to people and helping with applications and/or questions these businesses might have.

## **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: Vince Mendiola made the motion to adjourn. Madison Mahon seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted:**

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**Kris Ashdown, NNRDA Executive Assistant**