

**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:*

February 24, 2021 at 1:00 pm

A. CALL TO ORDER: By NNRDA Chair of the board, Donna Bath, Silver Lion Farms

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:

Reece Keener-City of Elko

Michelle Beecher-City of Ely

Layla Walz-City of Wells

Rich McKay-Eureka County

Donna Bath-Silver Lion Farms

BOARD MEMBERS:

Alissa Wood-Nevada Gold Mines

GUESTS:

Shirley Alen-Kellerman-RNDC

Patty Herzog-GOED

C. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED IN PERSON AND VIA EMAIL. WE ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING BY SUBMITTING COMMENTS TO KRIS@NNRDA.COM – WHERE THEY WILL BE THEN ADDED TO THE RECORD.

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 January 27, 2021 Combined Executive Committee and Board Meeting Minutes

For Possible Approval

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ACTION: Rich McKay made a motion to approve the January 27, 2021 Combined Executive Committee and Board Meeting Minutes. Layla Walz seconded the motion. The motion passed.

E. NNRDA FINANCIALS:

1) Review and approval of Financials for September 2020 – January 2021. **For Possible Approval**

ACTION: Reece Keener made a motion to approve the Financials for September 2020 through January 2021. Michelle Beecher seconded the motion. The motion passed.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1) Review, update, and possible approval to provide MineConnect a complimentary Executive Membership on the NNRDA Advisory Board for the duration of three years (2021-2024) in support of the Elko Business Incubator designed to enhance bilateral trade and bolster the Nevada mining supply chain. Membership will be predicated on establishment of the business incubator and can be revoked if initiative does not come to fruition. **For Possible Approval**

ACTION: Layla Walz made a motion to approve giving MineConnect a complimentary Executive Membership on the NNRDA Advisory Board for the duration of three years (2021-2024) in support of the Elko Business Incubator designed to enhance bilateral trade and bolster the Nevada mining supply chain. Reece Keener seconded the motion. The motion passed.

2) Review, update, and possible approval to refund the City of Lovelock’s NNRDA membership dues for FY 2020-2021 in the amount of \$2,183.50. **For Possible Approval**

ACTION: Rich McKay made a motion to approve refunding the City of Lovelock’s NNRDA membership dues for FY2020-2021 in the amount of \$2,183.50. Michelle Beecher seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3) Review, update, and possible approval to refund the City of Winnemucca’s NNRDA membership dues for FY 2020-2021 in the amount of \$8,693.30. **For Possible Approval**

ACTION: Rich McKay made a motion to approve refunding the City of Winnemucca’s NNRDA membership dues for FY2020-2021 in the amount of \$8,693.30.

G. REPORTS

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

Discussion: Sheldon thanked the board for their flexibility while he dealt with his family emergency at last months’ meeting. The Lander County Rail Park has been working on a developmental concept which has been completed and approved with Union Pacific RR. There are a few more hurdles to cross but will soon to be listed as a focus site on Union Pacific’s focus site website. The only other focus site remotely close in Nevada is in Fallon. The city of Wells has moved forward with their Rail Park Concept so we anticipate it getting approved as well. Wells has a serious lead who is looking at their industrial park. All stakeholders have met to discuss options as well as the necessary steps to make this happen which includes getting a natural gas line to the area. The strategic rail plan was unveiled and we are working on the initiative. Rail could be a force multiplier for economics in our region. We have been working with a few more leads in the last few months. Silver Lion Farms is planning an expansion to their facility. Sheldon has provided a few letters of support for the Community Development Block Grant Program. One was for White Pine County and one for the City of Ely. Lastly, NNRDA has been reaching out to our legislature in regards to the different resolutions that will surely affect all of rural Nevada and quite frankly, if passed will make our job nearly impossible.

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

Discussion: Shirley commended Michelle Beecher for all the time and effort she puts in at the office. So far in the first quarter RNDC has approved 8 loans totaling \$826,000 with another \$5,000 going to the loan committee

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for approval this week. There's 2 more applications in the pipeline totaling \$170,000 with more applications to go through. Shirley has been working with the local chambers in the region developing relationships, attending the county commissioner meetings as well as the city council meetings both via ZOOM so she can be informed and stay apprised of everything going on in each community.

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. Michelle Beecher made a motion to adjourn. Layla Walz seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 1:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Kris Ashdown, NNRDA Executive Assistant