

**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 28, 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](http://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

Michelle Beecher-City of Ely

Rich McKay-Eureka County

Layla Walz-City of Wells

Jon Karr-Elko County

Donna Bath-Silver Lion Farms

Terri Clark-NNRH

Reece Keener-City of Elko

Shane Bybee-White Pine County

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Katie Neddenriep-ECVA

Susan Goddard-EDFP

**GUESTS:**

Shirley Alen-Kellerman-RNDC

Teri Gage-Eide Bailly LLC

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

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**THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT.**

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**D. MINUTES:**

- 1) Approval of the February 24, 2021 Combined Executive Committee and Board Meeting Minutes

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**ACTION: Rich McKay made a motion to approve the February 24, 2021 Combined Executive Committee and Board Meeting Minutes. Madison Mahon seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

**E. NNRDA FINANCIALS:**

- 1) Review and approval of Financials for February and March 2021.

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**ACTION: Layla Walz made a motion to approve the Financials for February and March 2021. Terri Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

**F. NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Presentation by Teri Gage, Eide Bailey, regarding NNRDA 2020 Financial Compilation.

**NON-ACTION**

**Teri Gage completed NNRDA's Financial Compilation for 2020. Teri briefly explained the report mentioning that NNRDA is mostly composed of the balance sheets and financial statements. This is normal for a local entity as NNRDA doesn't need or want to spend the additional cost for a full audit nor is it necessary. Teri went on to describe NNRDA as being an agency fund of Elko County. Since they do a full audit for Elko County, they can access all the accounting from them. But they did not perform a full audit so they cannot verify the accuracy or the completeness of the information. Accordingly, they cannot express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on the financial statements. In a compilation, they look at last year's financial statements and compare the two. As long as they are similar and there are no red flags then they move on. Teri said nothing looked out of place.**

- 2) Review, discussion, and possible approval of NNRDA's 2020 Financial Compilation.

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**ACTION: Madison Mahon made a motion to approve NNRDA's 2020 Financial Compilation which was provided by Teri Gage with Eide Bailly LLC. Shane Bybee seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

- 3) Review, discussion, and possible approval regarding the FY 2021-2022 NNRDA Annual Budget.

**FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL**

**ACTION: Jon Karr made a motion to approve the FY 2021-2022 NNRDA Annual Budget as presented. Layla Walz 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, Executive Director, let the Board know that the Quarterly Report for GOED was recently submitted. Part of that report states we had 12 inquiries from various companies which turned into about 10 leads. Out of those leads we have 3 prospects which means these 3 have made the trip to get a closer look at the area and/or are already moving forward. All 3 are expanding their current business. There's also another 3 companies in the pipeline that are eager to move into northeastern Nevada.**

**NNRDA was the only RDA that participated in the virtual Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada with the Division of Minerals and the Nevada Mining Association.**

**We have supplied several support letters for our communities trying to get grant funding as well as working with GOED to secure funding from COVID round 2 money.**

**NNRDA has actively commented on a few of the legislative bills.**

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SB117 which would require annual planning and would require each RDA to put up a bunch of money every year, submit plans to GOED then they'd have to be approved by the GOED Board. We already do this but they want it to be a requirement and some years we don't have the luxury of funding to do this. AJR1, SJR1 and AJR2: NNRDA has been very active on the mining resolutions putting together a 2 week marketing campaign targeting the legislative building. We added a banner on our website homepage that states, "Dangerous for Nevada, Disastrous for the Rurals" with a link that will take you to a page that explains the issues with AJR1, SJR1 and AJR2.

Another bill NNRDA commented on was AB449 which contains several issues. One would attach a housing allotment to the incentives portion and put the funds into a housing fund which primarily would benefit urban Nevada and ultimately cheapen the incentive program. Within the same bill they want to start up another small business department within GOED which Nevada already has those resources like the Federal Small Business Association, Small Business Development Center, Folks like Us, just to name a few. Also within this same bill they want to eliminate the GOED's Directors ability to approve projects under \$250,000 which the prospect of those lower dollar projects are more likely for rural Nevada so for the Director to quickly approve them is certainly beneficial to us.

SB380 fell short. Sheldon and others sent letters and waited in the Que to voice their concerns with the Natural Gas bill.

Nevada Gold Mines and Kinross participated in the MineConnect Company selection for the Canada Business Incubator here in Elko. Ten companies were selected with 2 being on deck. Of course, we cannot move on any of this until the border opens up but at least we're moving forward with what we can. Quick note: There are 2 main criteria to meet. First, what is the market for their product in this area and second, is there any competition? And if there's any competition in the area then it lowers their score tremendously because we are trying to fill the gaps.

2) **RNDC:** Report from Shirley Allen-Kellerman, RNDC, Business Lending Representative. Shirley let the Board know that while RNDC distributes the I-80 funds for Nevada Gold Mines, RNDC also has 25 other lending sources that they can pull from to meet business needs. They have their housing programs that includes the Weatherization, Stabilization, and Down Payment Assistance. January 1<sup>st</sup> thru the end of March, RNDC had 21 loans reviewed, 16 of those were approved from the regular RNDC loan fund, the EDA Disaster Relief Loan fund, and the NGM I-80 fund that totaled \$1,568,100. Shirley is excited as their name is getting out there and business is booming.

**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:** Reece Keener made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jon Karr seconded the motion. The motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Kris Ashdown, NNRDA Executive Assistant