

**NORTHEASTERN NEVADA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

**Great Basin College  
VIA ZOOM**

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1500 College Parkway  
Elko, NV 89801

**Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 1:00 pm**

**A. CALL TO ORDER: By NNRDA Vice-Chair of the Board, Mackenna Velez with SW Gas**

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.

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Madison Aviles – City of Carlin

Reece Keener – City of Elko

Beth Savedra – City of Wells

Rich McKay – Eureka County

Mackenna Velez – SW Gas

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Annette Kerr – ECVA

Daniel Pace – SW Gas

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

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**THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT.**

**D. MINUTES:**

1) Approval of the June 28, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION ACTION: Beth Savedra made a motion to approve the June 28, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes. Reece Keener seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

2) Approval of the September 20, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

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**ACTION: Rich McKay made a motion to approve the September 20, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes. Beth Savedra seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**E. NNRDA FINANCIALS:**

- 1) Review and approval of financials for June through September 2023. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**  
**ACTION: Beth Savedra made a motion to approve the Financials for June through September 2023. Madison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**F. NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Review NNRDA's first economic development forum "On Target Nevada" held Monday, September 18, 2023 and determine whether or not the event will continue into 2024. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**  
**DISCUSSION: Sheldon provided the Board a graph showing how much was spent on the event held last month. Most of the budget went for travel to bring panelists into Elko from several different states; Washington, DC, Texas, Georgia, and Florida. We had great feedback with everyone saying they wanted it back next year. Sheldon has a few ideas for next year and would like to create a sub-committee to help with next year's event. Mackenna Velez and Beth Savedra said they would be on the committee.**  
**ACTION: Rich McKay made a motion to approve holding the "On Target Nevada" event in 2024 as well as create a sub-committee to help with planning the event. Reece Keener seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
- 2) Review and consider data feed source for NNRDA's Sites and Buildings Data Center page within NNRDA website. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**  
**DISCUSSION: Mr. Mudd showed the Board the page on the NNRDA website that we currently provide. Sheldon pointed out that it has been brought to his attention that this page is not accurate. It lists properties that are no longer available and doesn't have properties that ARE available. It relies on the MLS which doesn't get updated or if realtors are not a member of the MLS then their properties are not listed. We can stop the MLS feed (which costs NNRDA roughly \$1,200 a year) then NNRDA would have to populate the page with accurate information.**  
**ACTION: Rich McKay made a motion to remove the current data feed source for NNRDA's Sites and Buildings Data Center page on NNRDA's website and have NNRDA staff supply current and accurate data for the website page. Beth Savedra seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**G. REPORTS**

- 1) **Status Report and Leads:** Staff will provide status on various activities, projects and leads.  
**REPORT:** Mr. Mudd let the Board know that he was a panelist at the Affordable Housing Coalition in Las Vegas. Several folks asked for a copy of his Red Zone Proposal that he had mentioned while on the panel. Hopefully the Proposal will gain some traction at the state level.  
Sheldon attended the Nevada Lithium Symposium in Reno and housing got brought up at this event as well. Hopefully this discussion will take root as it's been an issue for rural Nevada for some time now.  
Sheldon was at the Jackpot City Council Meeting Tuesday night to discuss housing too.  
Launch Rural Nevada will be held next week. NNRDA has been in charge of the event for several years now. It's a business pitch competition for entrepreneurs where all the sponsorship money raised goes directly to the participants. There's 4 adult and 4 junior competitors. Sheldon encouraged everyone to listen in or attend if you have the time. Go to [www.launchruralnevada.com](http://www.launchruralnevada.com) for more information.  
Matt Miller had advocated for a supply chain committee and Sheldon has been working on a website which he's building in house. If you want to see what it looks like so far, go to [www.supplychainnv.com](http://www.supplychainnv.com). It will be

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interactive so businesses can enter what the pinch points are and what they are needing/lacking. Then we can post what those are and hopefully that will help us recruit people into the area. Nothing new has happened with the Economic Development District. We need to interview the applicants and hire someone for the open position.

Battle Mountain, LLC, the billion dollar project has access to the property that they want to occupy and are wanting to break ground in 2024.

Another solid lead got boots on the ground 2 months ago, there's a few locations they are looking at –one in Lander County and one in Elko County - they must have rail access and at least 100 acres.

- 2) **RNDC:** Report from Shirley Allen-Kellerman, RNDC, Business Lending Representative.  
**REPORT:** Mrs. Kellerman let the Board know that RNDC has been very busy but still have dollars to lend. RNDC has access to many different types of loans as well as money to help with down payment assistance and winter weatherization for homes in need. Below is a chart showing only NNRDA's areas that RNDC serves.

<b>RNDC 4TH QTR 2022-2023 NUMBERS</b>				
<b>County</b>	<b>White Pine</b>	<b>Eureka</b>	<b>Lander</b>	<b>Elko</b>
Housing				
Rehabilitations	\$ 40,071.10			
Down Payment Assist.				\$ 17,756.73
Weatherization	\$ 56,710.66			
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	\$ 96,781.76			
Lending				
Businesses Financed		\$ 116,350.00		\$ 1,495,190.00
Jobs Created				
Jobs Retained				
Income Injected		\$ 60,000.00		\$ 3,195,000.00
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		\$ 176,350.00		\$ 4,707,946.73

<b>RNDC 2022-2023 YEAREND NUMBERS</b>				
<b>County</b>	<b>White Pine</b>	<b>Eureka</b>	<b>Lander</b>	<b>Elko</b>
Housing				
Rehabilitations	\$ 66,790.66			
Down Payment Assist.	\$ 10,000.00			\$ 17,756.73
Weatherization	\$ 56,710.66			
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	\$ 133,501.32			\$ 17,756.73
Lending				
Businesses Financed	\$ 212,800.00	\$ 221,100.00	\$ 266,860.00	\$ 3,232,080.00
Jobs Created				
Jobs Retained				
Income Injected	\$ 270,000.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 720,000.00	\$ 4,845,000.00
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	\$ 482,800.00	\$ 341,100.00	\$ 986,860.00	\$ 8,094,836.73

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<b>RNDC 1ST QTR 2023-2024 NUMBERS</b>				
<b>County</b>	<b>White Pine</b>	<b>Eureka</b>	<b>Lander</b>	<b>Elko</b>
Housing				
Rehabilitations				
Down Payment Assist.	\$ 25,000.00			\$ 7,878.50
Weatherization				
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>\$ 25,000.00</b>			<b>\$ 7,878.50</b>
Lending				
Businesses Financed	\$ 257,750.00	\$ 66,200.00		\$ 1,623,907.00
Jobs Created				
Jobs Retained				
Income Injected	\$ 330,000.00	\$ 60,000.00		\$ 2,460,000.00
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>\$ 612,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 126,200.00</b>		<b>\$ 4,091,785.50</b>

**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. Madison Aviles made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Beth Savedra seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.**

Respectfully submitted:

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Kris Ashdown, NNRDA Executive Assistant