

**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, June 26, at 1:00 pm**

**A. CALL TO ORDER: By NNRDA Chair of the Board, Nikita Grover with 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.

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

**STAFF:**

Sheldon Mudd-Executive Director

Kris Ashdown-Executive Assistant

Jamie Beasley-NNEDD Director

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Nikita Grover-Kinross-Bald Mtn

Beth Savedra-City of Wells

Richard Braithwaite-City of Carlin

Chris Melville-City of W. Wendover

Rich McKay-Eureka County

Reece Keener-City of Elko

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Anthony Dowling-NV Energy

Donna Bath-Silver Lion Farms

Susan Goddard-Elko Daily Free Press

**GUESTS:**

Shirley Alen-Kellerman-RNDC

Joe Brown-CB Elko

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

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**THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT.**

**D. MINUTES:**

1) Approval of the January 24, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

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**ACTION: Reece Keener made a motion to approve the January 24, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes. Richard Braithwaite seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

2) Approval of the March 27, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**  
**ACTION: Beth Savedra made a motion to approve the March 27, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes. Richard Braithwaite seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

3) Approval of the May 22, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**  
**ACTION: Reece Keener made a motion to approve the May 22, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes. Beth Savedra seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**E. NNRDA FINANCIALS:**

1) Review and approval of financials for January thru May 2024. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**ACTION: Beth Savedra made a motion to approve the Financials for January thru May 2024. Reece Keener seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**F. NEW BUSINESS:**

1) Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the Elko County Realtors and Nevada Realtors' request for NNRDA to affirm its position on federal land matters in Nevada. This includes considering a resolution on the Federal "Checkerboard" Land issues and the designation of the Humboldt River as a "Water of the USA." **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**DISCUSSION: Sheldon Mudd didn't want to go into too much detail as this was discussed last month but lacked a quorum to vote. A short summary was given.** The Northeastern Nevada Regional Development Authority has historically advocated for legislative and policy changes to facilitate faster transfers of federal lands, particularly in areas like Elko and Wells. Despite some properties being earmarked for disposal since the 1980s, the transfer process can take over a decade, hindering local development initiatives such as industrial park expansions or housing projects. Misconceptions about public lands often lead to resistance, complicating efforts to streamline the transfer process. Realtors support the Authority's stance on this issue as they push for legislative reforms. Additionally, there's discussion about designating the Humboldt River as a "water of the USA," which would subject it to stringent regulations typically reserved for interstate and navigable waterways, posing potential challenges to local use. This designation seems disproportionate for a water body like the Humboldt, which doesn't fit the typical criteria for such classification, unlike major rivers like the Colorado. **With no additional questions asked, Madam Chair entertained a vote.**

**ACTION: Chris Melville made a motion to affirm NNRDA's position on federal land matters and the designation of the Humboldt River as a "Water of the USA" by letting the Elko County Realtors and Nevada Realtors' add NNRDA's support/dissent to the support letters/resolutions. Beth Savedra seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

2) Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the FY 2024-2025 proposed NNRDA budget. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**ACTION: Rich McKay made a motion to approve NNRDA's budget for FY2024-2025. Beth Savedra seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

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- 3) Review, discussion, and possible action regarding appointment of NNRDA Chair and Vice Chair for FY 2024-2025. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**DISCUSSION:** Executive Director, Sheldon Mudd, said it's customary for the Vice-Chair to move into the Chair position then choose a new public member to fill the Vice-Chair position. To stay within these rules, Mackenna Velez with Southwest Gas would move into the Chair position and Anthony Dowling with NV Energy agreed to fill the Vice-Chair role with board approval.

**ACTION:** Beth Savedra made a motion to approve Mackenna Velez to fill NNRDA's Chairpersons' role and Anthony Dowling to fill NNRDA's Vice-Chair role. Chris Melville 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:** Sheldon provided a detailed overview of NNRDA's recent activities, including meetings with various companies and organizations, the status of key projects in the pipeline, and community development initiatives. Sheldon showed the Board a power point for a visual of all the projects in the pipeline as well as where they are at with moving forward.

Sheldon has been traveling more than he would like to this last month making several trips to Las Vegas, Carson City, and Reno.

Mr. Mudd also discussed the challenges with the Economic Development Administration funding and how that puts the NNEDD at risk.

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

**REPORT:** Ms. Kellerman provided a brief update for RNDC, noting that they are in the final week of the fiscal year and will have more detailed numbers to report at the next meeting. Shirley reminded the Board about the availability of the I-80 fund for businesses in the region.

3) **NNEDD:** Report from Jamie Beasley, Director, NENV Economic Development District

**REPORT:** Ms. Beasley shared with the Board that the district's funding will be delayed by 9 months, which puts the NNEDD and NNRDA in a difficult situation. If anyone is looking for help, Jamie is looking!

**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 2:08 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted:**

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**Kris Ashdown, NNRDA Executive Assistant**