

**NORTHEASTERN NEVADA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

**Great Basin College  
VIA ZOOM**

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1500 College Parkway

Elko, NV 89801

**Thursday, Sept 21, at ~2:00 pm**

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

The agenda for this meeting of the Economic Development District 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.

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

**John Schiffer – DETR or Employ NV of Career and Business Hub**

**Mackenna Velez – SW Gas**

**Sheldon Mudd – NNRDA**

**Kris Ashdown – NNRDA**

**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](mailto:KRIS@NNRDA.COM) – WHERE THEY WILL BE THEN ADDED TO THE RECORD.

**There was no public comment.**

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. FINANCIALS:**

1) Review and discussion of EDD Financial activity.

**FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**

**DISCUSSION:** Sheldon Mudd let the Board know that in the previous meetings, the NNRDA Board approved \$70,000 to be transferred into the EDD Fund to match the EDA Grant of \$70,000. The monies from the EDA will not come in a lump sum, the funds will be reimbursed as it is spent. When the EDD begins spending the \$70,000 then we can submit receipts for the EDA to reimburse the fund. Nothing to date has been spent so the fund is sitting at \$70,000.

**E. REPORTS:**

1) Review and discussion regarding EDD activity & minutes to date and vision moving forward.

**FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**

**DISCUSSION:** The previous board did not follow the CFR regulations so we had to create a separate board from NNRDA. Certain boxes had to be checked to be in compliance. We have submitted all required documentation and are now up and running. We have begun the hiring process which is the next line item. Sheldon wanted the EDD Board to know that there were only a few EDD meetings during our regular NNRDA Board Meetings.

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There were only a few action items from the previous meetings. One - in order to “seed” the EDD, NNRDA had to get Board approval and the same Board had to accept the funds. The other was getting authorization to apply for the planning and technical assistance grant that will essentially reimburse us as we spend these funds. Sheldon didn't want to spend any of the funds until we get someone hired.

Sheldon anticipates some of the first funds spent will be joining the National Economic Development District Organization because they have a multitude of resources on how to access grant funding for development districts. Then there will be some funds spent on basic operating costs along with travel costs getting the new hire up to speed on the region.

Vision moving forward: The grant was for getting a CEDS document put together that is approved by the EDA which we already have. However, they have told us that our CEDS is too long and wordy. The EDA wants it scaled down. That will be the new hires first task.

The main reason Sheldon wanted to pursue this initiative was to be able to seek out grant funding for our regions community development projects. This could be anything from various types of infrastructure, natural gas, rail, and/or workforce development initiatives in order to provide workforce and training for prospective businesses or existing businesses. Our goal is to capture more Federal dollars. We want our first focus to be on housing in the most rural areas where it's critically needed.

2) Review and discussion regarding the selection of the EDD Community Development person for hire.

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**NO ACTION TAKEN:** We have posted a Job Listing on the Elko County website. Currently we have 2 applicants. Sheldon thinks both are worth looking at. NNRDA will take part in the hiring process as well as Elko County. Does the EDD board want to be included in the face to face interview process?

John said he would post the job on their website.

**F. ADJOURN. Meeting was adjourned at 2:13 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted:**

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**Kris Ashdown, NNRDA Executive Assistant**