

**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, May 27, at 1:00 pm

A. CALL TO ORDER: By NNRDA Chair of the Anthony Dowling with NV Energy.

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.

B. ROLL CALL: Introductions of Board Members and Guests

STAFF:

Sheldon Mudd-Executive Director

Kris Ashdown-Executive Assistant

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Cameron Kinney-City of Carlin

Reece Keener-City of Elko

Nathan Robertson-City of Ely

Beth Savedra-City of Wells

Paula Carson-White Pine County

Anthony Dowling-NV Energy

Brianne Morfin-WaFd Bank

BOARD MEMBERS:

Susan Goddard-EDFP

Allison Anderson-I-80 Gold

Stacy Johnson-KGHM

Leslie Goicoechea-NGM

Donna Bath-Silver Lion Farms

Shirley Alen-Kellerman-RNDC

Nate Johnston-Staker Parson

GUESTS:

Joe Brown-CB Elko

Lena O'Casio-USDA

C. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

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THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

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D. MINUTES:

- 1) Approval of the March 2026 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

ACTION: Beth Savedra made a motion to approve the March 2026 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes. Cameron Kinney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. NNRDA FINANCIALS:

- 1) Review and approval of financials for March and April 2026.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

ACTION: Reece Keener made a motion to approve the Financials for March and April 2026. Beth Savedra seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Review, discussion, and possible action regarding proposed budget for FY 2026-2027.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

DISCUSSION: Mr. Mudd showed the Board NNRDA's "End of Year" estimated final balance along with the proposed budget for the next fiscal year. There's a few minor adjustments made but nothing major. NNRDA is very conservative and always ends with a surplus.

ACTION: Reece Keener made a motion to approve the budget as it is currently written for FY2026-2027. Nathan Robertson 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 provided an overview of NNRDA activities for April and May.

On April 1 and 2, NNRDA helped facilitate LS Power's visit to Elko to discuss the SWIP transmission line project.

The On Target Nevada event was held on April 2. Feedback from attendees has been overwhelmingly positive, and NNRDA looks forward to hosting the event again next year. The event was budgeted at \$20,000, with actual expenses totaling just over \$14,000. Mr. Mudd noted that costs would likely be closer to the budgeted amount if additional site selectors attended in future years.

Mr. Mudd participated in and presented at the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Summit, which was held in Fallon. He reported that two communities within the region received grant funding this year, totaling more than \$1 million combined.

On April 21, Mr. Mudd met with Director Burns to discuss issues affecting rural Nevada. On April 23, NNRDA met with members of Senator Rosen's team to continue discussions regarding rural Nevada priorities.

Mr. Mudd attended the SBA Mining in Nevada Forum in Reno on April 29, where participants discussed opportunities to strengthen and support Nevada's mining industry. He left the forum briefly to deliver a

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presentation for the Nevada Rural Housing Division in Carson City before returning to Reno to present Anthony Dowling with a commemorative belt buckle in recognition of his service as Vice-Chair and Chairman of the NNRDA Board, as well as Chairman of the Economic Development District.

On May 1, NNRDA participated in the Business & Industry Small Business Resource Fair hosted by the Elko Area Chamber. Staff promoted the Ready Aim Academy website and provided information and resources to local small business owners.

Representatives from Patriot Critical Minerals visited the region on May 7 and May 20 to present their project to the Elko County Commission. The proposed tungsten project is located northeast of Wells and southeast of Jackpot. Company representatives expressed interest in processing the material in northeastern Nevada, which could provide additional economic benefits to the region.

On May 13, Mr. Mudd was invited to testify before the Joint Interim Committee on Revenue in Las Vegas. He appreciated the opportunity to highlight the unique challenges and opportunities facing rural Nevada communities.

NNRDA has launched a lead-generation campaign that includes the development of targeted web pages designed to attract and capture prospective business leads through digital marketing efforts.

Mr. Mudd also reported that discussions surrounding data centers continue throughout the state. He attended one such meeting in Reno on May 19 and noted that there is considerable misinformation regarding data center operations, particularly concerning water usage. He emphasized the need for additional public education on the topic.

Upcoming Activities

- Nevada Housing Division visit – date to be determined.
- Passport Fair – scheduled for May 30.
- Business & Industry Road Show – scheduled for June 22.

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

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 2:05 pm.

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Respectfully submitted:

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Kris Ashdown, NNRDA Executive Assistant