

**ELKO COUNTY ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**April 15, 2005
Elko, Nevada
ECEDA Office
723 Railroad Street
9:00am (PSDT)**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Paul Killpatrick

The agenda for this meeting of the Elko County Economic Diversification Authority (ECEDA) has been properly posted for this day and time in accordance with NRS requirement. **ECEDA's monthly board meeting agenda and board meeting minutes are now posted for public viewing on our website at www.eceda.com. They can be found under the *About ECEDA* link.**

II. ROLL CALL: Welcome Guests

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

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.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Copies of related materials available.

V. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: The regular monthly Board meeting was held on March 18, 2005 at the UNR Fire Science Academy in Carlin at 9:00am
ACTION ITEM

VI. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS FOR MARCH, 2005

Warrants over \$500 submitted for Board signatures; warrants under \$500 approved by Executive Director for payment, list provided. **Review of current expenditures/budget comparison. ACTION ITEM**

The Executive Director will recommend transferring \$1500 from the marketing line item to the travel line item on the 2005 ECEDA Budget. The additional visits to Carson City to lobby for the Port of Elko funding and other economic development driven bills has added to more travel than originally projected. Marketing is an item that the Board has agreed will be best utilized after a target market has been identified and industrial land has been inventoried and evaluated.

VII. ECEDA Board Meeting Host Presentation: No presentation will be made at this meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Port of Elko Land Evaluation and Recommendation - ACTION ITEM

Review qualified property that satisfies criteria of feasibility for a multimodal transloading facility and large industrial park. Property was evaluated on the following site characteristics: proximity to the Union Pacific's main yard, topography of land, potential constraints such as right of way easements, eastbound and westbound rail access, direct I-80 access by way of existing interchange, workforce availability, environmental factors, adequate space for rail car switching and loading and unloading operations, adequate land available for transloading expansion and warehousing, plus a large rail-served industrial park, available utilities, compatible adjacent land, and adequate roadway infrastructure to support a large volume of truck traffic from rail facilities.

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b. Endorsement of Property For P.O.E and Instruction to Staff - ACTION ITEM

The ECEDA Board of Directors will select a property for endorsement and will instruct staff to begin conversation with property representatives. Purchase will be contingent on Union Pacific's confirmation of feasibility of the site and their willingness to participate in the project and serve the transloading facility, the appraisal and engineering evaluation of the property, presentation to and acceptance by the Elko County Commission, and financing.

c. Freeport Option for P.O.E. – ACTION ITEM

The Executive Director will discuss an option for the P.O.E. to develop into a Freeport and what advantages it could provide for Northeastern Nevada.

The item has been listed as an action item in the event the Board decides to instruct staff to pursue the option with the Government.

d. Request for Proposal for Completion of the Industrial Market Analysis – ACTION ITEM

Staff is requesting permission to invite site selection firms to submit RFP's for the completion of the Elko County Industrial Market Analysis that was left incomplete by CRS.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. 2004-2005 WORK PLAN UPDATES -** Work Plan updates will be postponed due to a lengthy agenda.

X. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next board meeting is the 2005 Annual Planning Retreat to be held in Elko, NV, at Great Basin College, on April 23, 2005 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

XI. ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Barkdull, ECEDA Executive Director