

**ELKO COUNTY ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION AUTHORITY
(ECEDA)**

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2007 AT 9:00 A.M.

GREAT BASIN COLLEGE – BERG CONFERENCE ROOM

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PRESENT: Greg Brorby	David Zornes
Elaine Barkdull Spencer	Charlie Myers
Phyllis Peterson	Glen Guttry
Be-Be Adams	Kerry Aguirre
Mary Korpi	Dan Hoover
John Rice	Norlene Wilson
Rhonda Zuraff	Kim Abeyta

REPRESENTATIVES ABSESNT: Stewart Title, City of Carlin, UNR/Fire Science Academy, Cashman Equipment, Gold Dust West, City of Wells, and Great Basin Bank

GUESTS: Marianne Kobak, Elko Daily Free Press, Juliana Salcido, Elko High School, and Melissa Delgado, Elko High School.

1. **Call to Order** -ECEDA Chairman Greg Brorby opened the meeting.
2. **Public Comment** – no public comment was made.
3. **Correspondence** - Executive Director Elaine Barkdull Spencer provided newspaper articles from the Elko Daily Free Press relating to ECEDA and local economic development news.

4. **Approval of the March 16, 2007 Regular Board Minutes** – The regular monthly board meeting was held on March 16, 2007 at Great Basin College, in Elko, Nevada.

Action Item –Charlie Myers made a motion to approve the March Board Minutes and Mary Korpi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Approval of Warrants for March 2007** - Review of current expenditures/budget comparison. Executive Director Elaine Barkdull Spencer went over details of the warrants and new YTD Budget. She drew attention to items in the business meals line item that represented a large hosted luncheon that would be reimbursed by sponsor.

Action Item – Kerry Aguirre made a motion to approve the warrants for March 2007 and Rhonda Zuraff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Committee Report

Chairman Greg Brorby reminded board members the annual retreat would be held on May 10, 2007 at the Hilton Garden Inn from 2 p.m.– 6 p.m.

The Executive Committee reviewed ECEDA's Bylaws, Policies and Procedures and will submit recommendations and revisions to the board.

Executive Director Elaine Barkdull Spencer passed out the agenda for the upcoming Board Retreat.

Legislative Affairs

Be-Be Adams informed board members that proposed bills would be out of 1st house by Tuesday, April 24, 2007. Be-Be added the Governor has more money for his budget than anticipated. She is hoping for \$1 million for Senator Rhoads Airport Bill, and \$1 million for Assemblyman John Carpenter's Mining Dependent Bill.

Review and Approval of ECEDA's 2008 Annual Working Budget

Executive Director Elaine Barkdull Spencer reviewed ECEDA's recommended 2008 FY Budget in detail. The total revenue and expense are \$164,000. Elaine Barkdull Spencer added that additional money for special projects and marketing will come from future grants.

Action Item - Charlie Myers made a motion to approve ECEDA's Annual Working Budget and Kerry Aguirre seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Update on NNRR Project

Charlie Myers reported Pacific Steel has signed the contract for the 44-acre land sale. Chairman Greg Brorby added ECEDA should have a celebration at the board retreat being held on May 10, 2007.

WREP (Wells Retail Enhancement Program)

Executive Director Elaine Barkdull Spencer reported the business-coaching phase of WREP program would conclude at the end of May. ECEDA is still looking into the option of a retail incubator in the City of Wells; the cost of purchasing and refurbishing a Wells building is \$200,000, ECEDA is looking into grants.

Leads Update

Executive Director Elaine Barkdull Spencer reviewed 37 active leads worked on from March 16, 2007 through April 19, 2007.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Retention and Expansion Program

Business Retention and Coordinator Norlene Wilson is doing follow up on the Business Retention and Expansion Survey scheduling appointments and sending out letters that focus on customized solutions for the specific needs of each business.

Elaine Barkdull Spencer said the Business Retention and Expansion Team was necessary as the fact that companies wanted more confidentiality. Teams will be used to work on identified issues, not the committee.

Elko County Economic Issues Committee

The next meeting of the EEI Committee will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2007 at the Hilton Garden Inn from 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. Bill Frederick of the Wadley Donovan Group will present the overall findings of the Elko County Labor Market Analysis.

8. MEMBER REPORTS

Each Government Member gave a brief report on the activities of their city or county.

City of Wells – No representative was available to give a brief report

City of Elko –Glen Guttry gave a brief report.

City of Carlin – No representative was available to give a brief report.

Elko County – Charlie Myers gave a brief report.

Each board member and attendees gave a brief presentation on their business activities.

The next board meeting will be replaced with the May 10th Annual Planning Retreat will be held from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn. The next regular meeting of ECEDA's Board of Directors will be on June 15, 2007 at GBC.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Abeyta

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