

ELKO COUNTY ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION AUTHORITY

(ECEDA)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2006 AT 9:00 A.M.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

GREAT BASIN COLLEGE

BERG HALL

PRESENT:	Greg Brorby	Elaine Barkdull
	Summer Ehrmann	Kerry Aguirre
	Helen Hornbarger	Kathy Lemich
	Georgann Dalton	Pax Kelly
	Charlie Myers	Angela Hansen
	Blake Marchant	David Crawford
	Mary Korpi	Kim Abeyta

GUESTS: None

REPRESENTATIVE ABSENT: City of Carlin, Barrick Gold of North America, Great Basin College, and City of Elko.

1. ECEDA Chairman Greg Brorby opened the meeting.
2. Public Comment - No public comments were made.
3. Correspondence - Executive Director Elaine Barkdull provided copies of articles from the Elko Daily Free Press relating to ECEDA and the NNRR. Elaine Barkdull presented a letter from Senator Harry Reid acknowledging her participation in the roundtable discussion with the Senate Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee in Washington DC. Elaine presented a letter from NDOT regarding funds which ECEDA applied for in February 2006. Results from the Engineering Analysis showed the Railport Frontage Road and old 40 have been ranked as high priority. Elaine Barkdull added the

Carlin Industrial Park was ranked lowed but could rank higher with a matching grant, which she will find and apply for. Additional news articles included an article written by Harry Spencer of The Sparks Tribune on the NNRR. Executive Director Elaine Barkdull stated the article sparked much interest on the Railport. Elaine Barkdull informed board members the Washington Post would be doing a series on Elko in the near future.

4. Approval of the July 2006 Regular Board Minutes – The regular monthly board meeting was held on July 21, 2006 at Great Basin College, in Elko, Nevada.

Action Item – Charlie Myers made a motion to approve the July Minutes and Angela Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of Warrants for Fiscal Year End 2006 - Warrants over \$500 submitted for Board signatures; warrants under \$500 approved by Executive Director Payment, list provided to the Board. Review of current expenditures/budget comparison. Executive Director Elaine Barkdull reviewed the Warrants for FY06 Year-End Closing.

Action Item – Charlie Myers made a motion to approve the FY06 Year-End Warrants and Angela Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Warrants for July 2006 – Executive Director Elaine Barkdull reviewed the Warrants for July 2006.

Action Item – Charlie Myers made a motion to approve the July 2006 Warrants and Angela Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Closing Budget for fiscal year 2006 – Executive Director Elaine Barkdull reviewed the year-end budget figures for FY 2006 reporting a \$ 38,752 rollover to FY 2007. Elaine Barkdull handed out a breakdown of each line item to board members. This list will be available at the ECEDA office for further review.

Action Item – Mary Korpi made a motion to approve the FY 2006 Closing Budget and Summer Ehrmann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Update on NNRR Project - Charlie Myers reported Elko County was in the process of looking for two appraisers to assess an initial forty acres at the NNRR site for an interested steel company and possibly the entire Industrial Park. Charlie Myers added the NNRR Planning Committee would be meeting at 7 a.m. on August 21, 2006 to discuss pros/cons of selling the Industrial Park to private investor(s) and send recommendations to the County Commissioners. Executive Director Elaine Barkdull added she would present County Commissioners with the current leads list to substantiate the vast amount of interest expressed in the NNRR and Industrial Park. Charlie Myers stated he felt it might be better for the taxpayers and ECEDA to sell the entire Industrial Park to a private investor(s).

Business Retention and Expansion Program – Executive Director Elaine Barkdull told board members that she has been meeting with BR&E Coordinator Norlene Wilson regularly. Elaine reported they have already built a recruiting list and two surveys. She advised members that based on a previous poll the B.R.& E. Committee Meetings will be held the last Friday of each month at noon at the Red Lion.

WREP (Wells Retail Enhancement Program) - Pax Kelly reported the program is scheduled for August 31, 2006 at Well Fire House from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. She stated they have received nine firm applications. Elaine added they would be performing the Roan Report Retail Analysis in the near future.

Leads Update- Executive Director Elaine Barkdull reviewed a very extensive list of leads worked on from July 18, 2006 through August 11, 2006. Elaine Barkdull advised Board Members that detailed information is confidential and located at the ECEDA office for further review.

Executive Director's Report – Executive Director Elaine Barkdull passed out a list of courses she will be attending at the IEDC Conference in New York. Elaine stated that her primary focus would be on workforce related courses.

Mary Korpi advised board members she would be attending a conference in Leadville Colorado that will be focusing on communities dependent on mining and the aftermath. She added the conference was not highly expensive and encouraged other members to attend. Elaine Barkdull stated that she would be interested in attending this conference and was encouraging Eureka County to attend as well.

Executive Director Elaine Barkdull reported that the SB1 Funds a.k.a. NV Economic Development Funds would be due on August 21, 2006. Elaine added Wells, Carlin, City of Elko, and Elko County will be submitting project applications.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Changes to ECEDA's Bylaws - Executive Director Elaine Barkdull reviewed the following changes made to ECEDA's Bylaws, which were recommended by board members at the 2006 ECEDA Planning Retreat held on May 6, 2006.

The Executive Committee includes a Chairman, Past Chairman, and a Vice Chairman. The ECEDA Executive Director is also included in the Executive Committee as a non-voting member.

The Executive Committee shall include a representative from each of the participating cities and the county, plus three (3) private entity members

Action Item - Charlie Myers made a motion to accept the changes made to ECEDA's Bylaws and Kerry Aguirre seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Revisions to the 2006-07 ECEDA Work Plan - Executive Director Elaine Barkdull presented members with revisions to the focus items for the ECEDA Work Plan. The plans were initially discussed at the ECEDA Planning Retreat on May 6, 2006.

Railport Committee - Recommendation to dissolve this committee. The County has an NNRR Planning Committee that meets every 2 weeks and is taking care of most of all the topics related to the NNRR and Industrial Park.

City of Elko Redevelopment District Committee – Executive Director Elaine Barkdull will remain involved with this committee. Glen Guttry and Elaine Barkdull will be reporting to the ECEDA Board on their involvement and the progress of the committee.

City of Carlin Community Development Committee – ECEDA should help with the completion of the Carlin Industrial Park, grants and recruiting efforts of the City of Carlin. Cliff Eklund and Elaine Barkdull will report to the ECEDA Board on their efforts and involvement with this committee.

City of Wells Community Development Committee - ECEDA will administer the USDA Enterprise Grant awarded for the Wells Retail Enhancement Program. Pax Kelly and Elaine Barkdull will report on to the ECEDA Board on their progress and involvement with this committee.

Recruiting Committees – Make these committees Working Groups and not committees. Once the target industries and marketing plan is agreed upon, ECEDA should move forward to implement the plans. The entity representative on the ECEDA Board should report back to their perspective councils on ECEDA's progress.

Economic Issues Committee – ECEDA will co-host the Economics Issues Committee with the Chamber of Commerce. Elaine Barkdull will work directly with Patty Rowe to prepare agendas, arrange speakers and notify committee members.

Business Retention and Expansion Committee - No change. ECEDA is moving forward with this committee.

Lobbying/Government Activities Task Group - No change. However, ECEDA will need money in the budget for travel to and from Carson City.

Infrastructure/Housing Committee – Included with Economic Issues Committee as stated above.

Action Item – Charlie Myers made a motion to accept the revisions to the 2006-2007 ECEDA Work Plan and Paul Killpatrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Committee Report – The Executive Committee was unable to meet prior to the ECEDA Board Meeting. A report will be given at the next ECEDA Board meeting.

Report on Projects Funded by NCED – Executive Director Elaine Barkdull gave a final year-end report of progress on the ongoing projects, which were funded by the NCED.

8. MEMBER REPORTS

Each Board Member gave a brief report on the activities of their cities.

City of Wells – Pax Kelly gave a brief report.

City of Elko – no representative was available to give a report

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

Elko County – Charlie Myers gave a brief report.

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

The next board meeting will be held in Elko on September 22, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at Great Basin College's Berg Hall Conference Room. Executive Director Elaine Barkdull will be attending the annual IEDC Conference on September 15, 2006. Therefore, the meeting will be held the week after.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Abeyta
Office Manager