

ELKO COUNTY ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 15, 2008
Great Basin College, 1500 College Avenue
Social Room

PRESENT:

Greg Brorby
Mike Franzoia
Paul Kirkpatrick
Phyllis Peterson
Terri Merkley

David Hensen
Elaine Barkdull Spencer
Angela Hansen
Norlene Wilson
Cal Stark

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT: City of Carlin, Southwest Gas, Barrick, Elko Daily Free Press, Great Basin Bank, Gold Dust West, Red Lion Inn & Casino's, City of W. Wendover

- A. CALL TO ORDER:** ECEDA Chairman, Greg Brorby opened the meeting
- B. ROLL CALL:** Each Board Member introduced themselves.
- C. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** No public comments were made.
- D. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Executive Director Elaine Barkdull Spencer provided newspaper articles from the Elko Daily Free Press relating to ECEDA and the ads that were placed in various publications for the Gold Rush, also photos from the Nevada Building Conference booth.
- E. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 21, 2007 MEETING MINUTES:** The last regular monthly ECEDA Board Meeting was held on Friday, December 19, 2007 in Elko and Great Basin College. The January meeting was postponed due to the political candidates coming to Elko.
- Action Item:** Charlie Myers motioned approval of the minutes, Paul Kirkpatrick second the motion. The attending Board Members approved the minutes unanimously with David Hensen and Cal Stark abstained
- F. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS FOR DECEMBER 2007 AND JANUARY 2008.** Elaine Barkdull Spencer reviewed the December and January expenditures and budget figures with the board. Also submitted was the revised 2008 working budget which included the Economic Gold Rush grant funding. Elaine explained that the budget was moved around so that regular and Gold Rush expenditures could be reported separately. The revenues and expenditure totals had not changed in the original budget. They were just moved around because of the supplemental funds being available to do items in the budget. She explained each of the changes to the board.

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Action Item: Paul Kirkpatrick motioned the approval of the warrants, Phyllis Peterson second the motion. The attending Board Members approved the warrants unanimously.

****APPROVAL TO EXPEND THE REMAINING \$14,000.00 CURRENTLY HELD IN THE ECEDA BUDGET UNDER SPECIAL PROJECTS 2006.** Elaine asked the board members to approve the expenditure of the remaining \$14,000 available for the Railport Project for a brochure to promote the Railport to professional transloaders and for NNRR committee members to attend the TDA conference in April. She also said that some giveaways would be ordered to promote the Northeastern Nevada Regional Railport.

Action Item: Paul Kirkpatrick motioned to approve the spending of the remaining \$14,000 in the ECEDA Budget under Special Projects 2006, Phyllis second the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the expenditure.

G. UPDATES

- 1) **NNRR PROJECT:** Charlie Myers reported on the Railport project. He stated that they were waiting for NDOW and the Army Corp of Engineers to finalize their findings before finalizing the construction design.
- 2) **LEADS:** Elaine went over her leads files with the board.

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) **BUSINESS RETENTION AND EXPANSION PROGRAM/WORKFORCE COMMITTEE:** Elaine reported on the January 10th meeting with the temp agencies and the mines. It was a great networking opportunity. The February 8th meeting was to report on the Economic Gold Rush program and the marketing materials that were to be used at tradeshow and to promote Elko County to people that might be interested in relocating to Elko County.
 - 2) **THE NEW ECONOMIC GOLD RUSH MARKETING CAMPAIGN:** Elaine explained that the campaign was going well and that most of the funds had been committed. She explained that, until ECEDA knows if NCED will be making supplemental grants available next fiscal year to the rural EDAs, that the Gold Sponsorship funds would be held to supplement the branding campaign into the next fiscal year.
- I. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:** Greg Brorby reported that the Executive Committee had met earlier that morning and had decided to send a letter to the NCED Commissioners explaining their concern regarding the One Rural Authority concept and to offer ECEDA as an example of how a rural authority could be organized and ran effectively.

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J. BOARD MEMBER REPORT

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

Stewart Title: Things are going great.

Elko County: Starr Valley subdivision controversy. Snow removal has been difficult
BMX Track they are looking into ground off exit 298, approval with BLM environmental assessment.

City of Wells: Cal Stark, Thank you to Elko County snow removal doing a great job.
Truck wash open. Love's coming along looking for an April 15th opening.
Motel/RV business: new property owners wanting to buy all available lots for houses.
Wells growth rate is the highest in Elko Co. Goldmine west of Pequops.

First American Title: Phyllis Peterson just commented that things are busy.

Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital: Recruiting new nurses and doctors.

Sierra Pacific Power: Greg Brorby, We are having the largest growth rate in Elko.

Newmont Gold: Lisa Hoffman, looking forward to 2008.

K. SCHEULE NEXT MEETING:

ECEDA'S regular Board of Directors will be held on March 21, 2008

L. ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted:

Terri Merkley

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A. CALL TO ORDER: ECEDA Chairman, Greg Brorby opened the meeting

B. ROLL CALL:

C. 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.

D. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Copies of related materials available. (This is where you pass out or give to Elaine all the newspaper clippings)

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**** DENOTES POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM**

E. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 21, 2007 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:** The regular monthly ECEDA Board Meeting was held on Friday, December 21, 2007 in Elko at Great Basin College. The January Board Meeting was cancelled.

Who?

Motion: _____

2nd: _____

Passed: _____

F. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS FOR DECEMBER 2007 AND JANUARY 2008:** Review of current expenditures/budget comparison. APPROVAL OF THE REVISED BUDGET.

Who?

Motion: _____

2nd: _____

Passed: _____

G. APPROVAL TO EXPEND THE REMAINING \$14,000 CURRENTLY HELD IN THE ECEDA BUDGET UNDER SPECIAL PROJECTS 2006**

Who?

Motion: _____

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2nd: _____

Passed: _____

H. UPDATES

1) **NNRR PROJECT:** Charlie Myers and Elaine Barkdull Spencer will report on the progress of the County's NNRR Planning Committee and the Railport Project.

2) **LEADS:** Update on leads ECEDA worked on from December 21, 2007 – February 14, 2008.

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J. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Members will be given the opportunity to give a short report on their business or their city/county.

Others: Spring Creek Association, Southwest Gas, Elko Area Chamber of Commerce, Wells Chamber of Commerce, and Elko Convention and Visitors Authority.

(You'll need extra paper for this one)

K. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

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**L. ADJOURN
Respectfully submitted:**

YOUR NAME