

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**February 17, 2006**

**Wells Fire Station**

**Wells, Nevada**

**9:00 a.m. (PSDT)**

**ATTENDANCE:** Paul Killpatrick, Elaine Barkdull, Kim Abeyta, Terry Sullivan, Kerry Aguirre, Phyllis Peterson, Greg Brorby, Helen Hornbarger, Dan Hoover, and Pax Kelly.

**Via Telephone:** Lee Krugerud, Angela Hansen, Glen Guttry and Charlie Myers.

**Representative absent:** UNR Fire Science Academy, Barrick Goldstrike Mines, and Placer Dome/Cortez Mines

**Guests:** Adella Harding, Elko Daily Free Press, and Thad Ballard, Wells Chamber of Commerce

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** No public comments were made.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Executive Director Elaine Barkdull provided copies of newspaper articles from the Elko Daily Free Press that related to ECEDA.

**APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:** The January monthly Board meeting was held on January 20, 2006 at UNR Fire Science Academy at Carlin, Nevada.

**ACTION ITEM:** Paul Killpatrick motioned to approve the January Minutes and Charlie Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS FOR JANUARY 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.** Terry Sullivan motioned to approve the January Warrants and Kerry Aguirre seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ECEDA Board Meeting Host Presentation:** Pax Kelly reported BTI would host an Open House sometime next month. Also, the City of Wells would be breaking ground for a tire recycling plant.

## **ONGOING BUSINESS**

**Update of the Northeastern Nevada Regional Railport Project:** Elaine Barkdull reported that ECEDA sent out Request for Proposal's (RFP's) to several companies to conduct a "Plan for Business" for the NNRR. The response deadline has been set for two weeks. She added that once it is completed it would be turned over to the Elko County Commissioners. Greg Brorby asked if financial data would be included in the plan. Executive Director Elaine Barkdull responded that financial information and other data from interviewed businesses would be included. Pax Kelly asked how many RFP's were sent out. Elaine stated that eight companies were sent RFP's. Elaine advised Board members that Lockwood Greene declined the RFP based on the in-depth scope of work involved. Charlie Myers stated that a good plan would help the county make an informed decision.

**Leads Update:** Updates on leads worked on from January 20, 2006 through February 16, 2005. Elaine Barkdull stated that several investors visited the ECEDA office over the past few weeks. Elaine reported that ECEDA received only one State lead this past month. A trucking company from Sparks was our most recent lead. The company was trying to find a warehouse with six loading docks. Executive Director Elaine Barkdull suggested that Carlin's Industrial Park might be an ideal location for the company based on its criteria. Elko's current lack of developed property is still an issue.

**Grants:** Elaine Barkdull reported that ECEDA would be applying for an USDA/Rural Business Enterprise Grant for Wells retail and service areas. Executive Director Elaine Barkdull stated that the Lockwood Greene Target Study revealed a need for additional retail and service industry, if Wells is to attract new industry.

**Executive Board:** Elaine Barkdull advised that the ECEDA Executive Board would meet today after today's board meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Executive Director Elaine Barkdull updated Board Members on the status of ongoing ECEDA projects that are being funded by NCED grant monies.

### **ECEDA Program for Success**

**Executive Director Elaine Barkdull distributed a copy of the General Advertising which included the following:**

**NNRR Project Committee:** Tabled until after County has acquired the land.

**Workforce/Housing Committee:** Elaine Barkdull reported that ECEDA sent out Workforce/Housing Surveys to the northeastern Nevada regional builders but received only three responses. Pax Kelly offered assistance in locating contact numbers through the Wells Chamber of Commerce for Builders in the Wells area.

**Marketing and Recruiting Committee:** The Target Industrial Analysis is complete and committee meetings will resume in the near future. Public presentation of the study will be held at the Elko Convention Center between 2 p.m until 4 p.m. on March 2, 2006. Elaine added that the meeting was open to the public and the Elko Daily Free Press was sending out invitations via mail and fax through the Elko Area Chamber of Commerce and postcard delivery by the Elko Daily Free Press.

## **ENTITY REPORTS**

Each city gave a report on the activities of their communities.

- City of Carlin- no representative was available to give a report.
- Elko County- Charlie Myers reported.
- City of Elko- Glen Guttry reported.
- City of Wells- Thad Ballard reported.

Each Board Member gave a brief presentation on their business activities.

The next meeting will be held on March 17, 2006 at Berg Hall, Great Basin College in Elko, Nevada at 9:00 a.m.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED**

**Respectfully submitted:**

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**Kim Abeyta, Assistant Director**