

ELKO COUNTY ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION AUTHORITY

(ECEDA)

FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2006 AT 9:00 A.M.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

GREAT BASIN COLLEGE

BERG HALL

PRESENT	Greg Brorby	Charlie Myers
	Angela Hansen	Michele Schack
	Rhonda Zuraff	Paul Killpatrick
	Pax Kelly	Kerry Aguirre
	Helen Hornbarger	Phyllis Peterson
	Cliff Eklund	Georgeann Dalton
	Terry Sullivan	Norlene Wilson
	Elaine Barkdull	Kim Abeyta

GUESTS: John Sents, Elko Daily Free Press

REPRESENTATIVE ABSENT: UNR Fire Science Academy, City of Elko, and Barrick Gold of North America

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 newspaper articles relating to ECEDA and the NNRR Railport Project. Elaine Barkdull stated that ECEDA and the NNRR would be receiving coverage from the Washington Post and the Nevada Business Journal in the near future.

4. Approval of the June 2006 Regular Board Meeting – The regular monthly board meeting was held on June 23, 2006 at Great Basin College, in Elko, Nevada.

Action Item – Charlie Myers made a motion to approve the June Minutes and Paul Killpatrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of Warrants for June 2006 - Executive Director Elaine Barkdull reviewed the Warrants for June 2006. Elaine Barkdull explained bills would be closed out for Fiscal Year 2006 during the month of July and an “End of Year Report” would be provided to Board Members at the August 18th meeting. Elaine Barkdull added final payment was made to Lockwood Greene for travel expenses incurred during their March 2006 visit. Also, Elaine explained that payments are being made to Railroad Industries Inc. upon completion of ongoing projects.

Action Item – Paul Killpatrick made a motion to approve the June 2006 Warrants and Charlie Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

6. NEW BUSINESS

NNRR Project - Charlie Myers reported Elko County Commissioners approved Phase II of the NNRR Plan for Business and agreed to seek an Engineer to design a master plan for the NNRR. Charlie Myers stated that the planning of the Railport Project was being completed weekly and the planning was moving forward more rapidly than anticipated. Commissioners agreed upon forming a Roundtable including the NNRR County Planning Committee and Railroad Industries Inc. to discuss options and timelines for the Industrial Park. Charlie Myers added that ECEDA is working closely with a company that was very interested in purchasing land at the Railport and will be meeting with them early next week. Executive Director Elaine Barkdull stated that notes from the NNRR County Planning Committee meetings would be emailed to the Board Members.

Leads Update- Executive Director Elaine Barkdull distributed and reviewed an extensive list of leads worked on from June 22 through July 17, 2006 and also assessed ongoing

leads previously received in the ECEDA office. Elaine Barkdull advised board members that detailed information is confidential and located in the ECEDA office for further review.

Executive Director's Report – Executive Director Elaine Barkdull reported that she recently accepted an invitation by Senator Harry Reid to participate in a roundtable discussion with the Senate Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee in Washington D.C. The Committee was a collective group of State Senators representatives from various rural regions. Senator Reid pushed for Executive Director Elaine Barkdull to discuss the development of the Northeastern Nevada Regional Railport and Industrial Park and the positive economic impact expected Northeastern Nevada. Elaine Barkdull told board members many of the rural and ethanol industry representatives were very interested in the Railport concept, which prompted a second invitation for her to participate in further discussions.

Executive Director Elaine Barkdull informed Board Members she turned down a nomination from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) to serve on the Board of Directors. Elaine added that next year would be a better time to serve, due to the many ongoing projects, specifically, the opening of the Northeastern Nevada Regional Railport. Board members congratulated Executive Director Elaine Barkdull on the nomination.

Elaine Barkdull told members that the USDA approved a grant in the amount of \$22,000 for the Wells Rural Enhancement Program. Pax Kelly stated that Wells has potentially thirty people interested in participating in the six-week course being presented by the Small Business Development Center.

Executive Director Elaine Barkdull welcomed Norlene Wilson to ECEDA. Norlene Wilson will be serving as the contracted consultant for the upcoming Business Retention and Expansion Program. Norlene Wilson told board members that she was very excited and was looking forward to kicking off the program. She added that there was much to be done.

Approval of Changes to ECEDA's Policies and Procedures – Elaine Barkdull explained several changes were made to the Policies and Procedures based upon input from board members at the ECEDA Annual Board Retreat held in May 2006.

Action Item – Charlie Myers made a motion to accept the changes to the Policies and Procedures and Rhonda Zuraff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the new ECEDA Logo – Executive Director Elaine Barkdull handed out a selection of several possible new logos for the board's review. Board members reviewed and discussed the pros and cons of each logo. After a brief discussion board members agreed upon their selection.

Action Item - Paul Killpatrick motioned to approve the new logo with color options for further discussions and selection and Kerry Aguirre seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Directors Evaluation Chairman Greg Brorby provided board members with a summary of Executive Director Elaine Barkdull's evaluation. Greg Brorby stated that Elaine did an outstanding job. He emphasized that Elaine Barkdull was very aggressive in her role as Executive Director for ECEDA. Elaine Barkdull stated that she was proud of ECEDA's successes and board member comments were well taken. She stated that she was open to criticism and requested that board members should come to her throughout the year with feedback. Elaine Barkdull urged board members not to wait for her yearly evaluation to voice their concerns.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Report on Projects Funded by NCED

Executive Director Elaine Barkdull reported on the progress of ongoing projects funded by 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 – Cliff Eklund gave a brief 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 August 18, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at Great Basin College's Berg Hall Conference Room.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Abeyta
Office Manager