

ELKO COUNTY ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION AUTHORITY

MARCH 17, 2006

GREAT BASIN COLLEGE

BERG HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT:

Elaine Barkdull
Glen Guttry
Kerry Aguirre
Rhonda Zuraff
Helen Hornbarger
Angela Hansen

Charlie Myers
Cliff Eklund
John Mack
Phyllis Peterson
Danny Gonzales
Kim Abeyta

GUESTS:

Jan Boyer, Spring Creek Business Group
Ursula Powers, Te-Moak Tribe
Adella Harding, Elko Daily Free Press

Ray Jones, Spring Creek Business Group
Rob Stokes, Elko County
Keyth Durham (via telephone)

REPRESENTATIVE ABSENT:

Barrick Goldstrike Mines
UNR/Fire Science Academy
Cashman Equipment

City of Wells
Great Basin Bank

1. Public Comment Period - No public comments were made.
2. Correspondence and Announcements – Executive Director Elaine Barkdull provided copies of newspaper articles relating to ECEDA and an editorial on the NNRR from the Elko Daily Free Press.
3. Approval of the February 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes – The regular monthly Board meeting was held on February 17, 2006 in Wells, Nevada.

Action Item – Glen Guttry motioned to approve the February Minutes and Cliff Eklund seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Warrants for February 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.

Action Item – Phyllis Peterson motioned to approve the February Warrants and Kerry Aguirre seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Ongoing Business

Northeastern Nevada Regional Railport – Charlie Myers gave a brief report - nothing until spring of 2006.

Leads Update -Executive Director Elaine Barkdull reported on leads worked on from February 19 through March 16, 2006. Elaine stated ECEDA received only one State lead and a few direct leads. Several private investors visited the ECEDA office.

Grants – Elaine Barkdull presented the board with a list and description of grants for fiscal year 2007. Grant requests will include \$105,000 from a share of \$517,000 in funding allocations from NCED for the upcoming fiscal year. Executive Director Elaine Barkdull gave a brief description of projects that should be funded by the grants.

Elaine Barkdull requested approval from Board Members to apply for \$1.9 million of SB1, which was approved by the Nevada Legislature to provide funding for rural economic development for approximately \$3-million. Elaine requested City and County entities inquire with their staff and ask for any infrastructure requirements for their areas and report specific needs to ECEDA. The 1.9 million proposal will then be submitted to Elko County Commissioners for their approval.

Kerry Aguirre motioned to approve moving forward with the \$1.9 million plan and Glen Guttry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Executive Directors Report – Elaine Barkdull reported on her trip to Little Rock Arkansas for the Mid South Economic Development Conference. She reported that the conference was very informative. Elaine Barkdull told Board Members that regional product marketing would be beneficial for northeastern Nevada’s economic development and was the wave of the future. Executive Director Elaine Barkdull noted the innovative manufacturing companies already in place in Elko County, which included American High Voltage, Denair, Inc. and Milex and identified them as a possible cluster.

7. Old Business

Executive Director Elaine Barkdull reported on the progress of projects funded by NCED.

NNRR Project Committee: On hold until after ECEDA Board retreat.

ECEDA Annual Retreat has been scheduled for May 6, 2006 at Great Basin College High Tech Building. Executive Director Elaine Barkdull advised the Board that Danny Gonzales would facilitate a SWOT analysis on ECEDA.

8. Member Reports

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

City of Carlin – Cliff Eklund reported

Elko County – Charlie Myers reported

City of Elko – Glen Guttry reported

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

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

The next meeting (Annual Retreat) will be held on May 6, 2006 at the High Tech Building, Great Basin College in Elko, Nevada at 8:00 a.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Abeyta
Office Manager