

**ELKO COUNTY ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, October 19, 2009
Red Lion Inn & Casino Elko, NV
Ruby Valley Room 2 p.m.**

PRESENT:

STAFF:

Elaine Barkdull-Spencer – Outgoing Executive Director
Pam Borda- Incoming Executive Director
Diana Duncan Elwess- Operations Coordinator

BOARD MEMBERS:

Angela Hansen – AMEC Earth & Environmental
Katie Neddenriep- Barrick North America
Cliff Eklund – City of Carlin
Mayor Mike Franzoia- City of Elko
Charlie Myers- Elko County
Betti Magney-Elko Daily Free Press
Kevin Ancell – Frontier Communications
John Rice - Great Basin College
Jean Sloan- Nevada State Bank
Mary Korpi- Newmont Gold
Nichole Volk- Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital
Greg Brorby – NV Energy
Jason Ashby – P&H MinePro Services

GUESTS:

Tony Buettner – Buettner Inc.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

City of West Wendover
Gold Dust West
RAM Enterprise
Red Lion Hotel Casino
Savage Services
Stewart Title Company

A. CALL TO ORDER: ECEDA Chair, Mary Korpi opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL: Board Member introduction. Introduction of guests.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None

D. **APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 2009 MEETING MINUTES:

Board members reviewed the September Minutes individually.

ACTION: Charlie Myers motioned approval of the September Minutes with changes to attendees. Angela Hansen seconded the motion. The attending Board Members approved unanimously.

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E. ECEDA FINANCIALS:

1) **APPROVAL OF WARRANTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2009:

Executive Director Elaine Barkdull Spencer reviewed September 2009 warrants with the Board.

ACTION: Charlie Myers motioned to approve the warrants for September 2009 and Cliff Eklund seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1) **RECOMMENDATION TO CHANGE \$4,000 NCED SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT'S USE:

ECEDA staff would like to ask the permission of NCED Commissioners to change the use of the \$4,000 awarded to ECEDA for workforce development to business recruitment. As Elko County's number one need is not workforce development at this time – it is the opinion of the staff that the funds would be better utilized for business recruitment. Authorities are allowed to change use of grant funds as long as the NCED staff and/or the NCED Commissioners approve the change.

Elaine Barkdull Spencer has identified at least three site selectors who have been to and have shown interest in Elko County. Meeting one on one with these site selectors will be important to ECEDA's recruitment goals.

ACTION: Katie Neddenriep made a motion to recommend the \$4,000.00 change request and Nichole Volk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2) **APPROVAL TO SIGN THE NEVADA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY JOINT MARKETING AGREEMENT AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM:

As discussed at September 21st, 2009 Board meeting, ECEDA was asked to sign a memorandum of understanding relating to AB317 that provides funds for marketing to counties. The bill originated as an urban bill and rurals were added later. The agreement is between rural communities and allows for shared funds from shared leads.

Elaine Barkdull Spencer has spoken with NNDA Director, Rob Hooper, and found that NCED was in support of this Joint Marketing Agreement. The reasoning behind the program is that EDA's will benefit by working as partners.

ACTION: Charlie Myers made a motion to sign the Nevada Development Authority Joint Marketing Agreement and Betti Magney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3) **LETTER OF SUPPORT REQUEST BY THE CITY OF CARLIN RELATING TO A BROWNFIELD PROJECT AND GRANT APPLICATION:

A representative of Carlin will request a letter of support that will accompany a grant application for a brownfields assessment of various city sites. The city is applying for a total of \$400,000 in brownfields assessment funding - \$200,000 for hazardous substances and \$200,000 for petroleum.

Mayor Cliff Eklund stated that Carlin has a very good chance of getting this grant.

ACTION: Greg Brorby made a motion to support the request of Carlin relating to a brownfield project and grant application. Angela Hansen seconded the motion. Cliff Eklund abstained and the motion passed.

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- 4) ****APPROVAL TO SEND A LETTER TO NEVADA STATE BANK CANCELLING ECEDA'S EXISTING CREDIT CARD UNDER ELAINE BARKDULL SPENCER'S NAME AND ASKING FOR A NEW CREDIT CARD TO BE ISSUED UNDER PAM BORDA'S NAME:** A new credit card will need to be issued for use by the new executive director of ECEDA.

ACTION: Cliff Eklund made a motion for ECEDA to send a letter to Nevada State Bank regarding the current credit card and a new credit card. John Rice seconded the motion. Charlie Myers abstained, and the motion passed.

G. UPDATES

1) **LEADS:**

Using a printed list of leads from the new *ECEDA at Work* Web site link on the ECEDA website, Elaine Barkdull Spencer gave an update to the Board on various companies she had sent information or met with regarding possibly locating or expanding to Elko County. **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

2) **NNRR PROJECT:**

Elaine Barkdull Spencer reported on the Northeastern Nevada Regional Railport project. She reported that the first train would not be arriving until December 1, 2009 as there was a filing error. **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

H. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- 1) Members received their 2010 Membership plaques
- 2) Members were given the opportunity to give a short report on their business or their city/county.

I. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

It was announced that ECEDA's next regular Board of Directors would be held on Monday, November 16, 2009. Mary requested that we look into holding at Pacific Steel.

J. ADJOURN:

Respectfully submitted:

**Diana Duncan Elwess
Operations Coordinator**