

Barkdull and Chairman Greg Brorby proposed to draft and submit a “Letter to the Editor” response on behalf of ECEDA.

4. Approval of the September 2006 Regular Board Minutes – The regular monthly board meeting was held on September 22, 2006 at Great Basin College, in Elko, Nevada.

Action Item – Charlie Myers made a motion to approve the September Board Minutes and Angela Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of Warrants for September 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 – Charlie Myers made a motion to approve the Warrants for September 2006 and Glen Guttry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Executive Committee Meeting – Chairman Greg Brorby reported Spring Creek Association has expressed an interest in becoming an active ECEDA board member. Executive Director Elaine Barkdull will follow up with SCA and report back to the Board at a future meeting.

Chairman Greg Brorby informed board members that Legislature Sessions will begin in February 2007 and stressed the importance of ECEDA staying aware of upcoming legislative bills and actions and attending some of the sessions.

Update on NNRR Project – Charlie Myers reported the NNRR Planning Committee was unable to meet during the past three weeks because of scheduling conflicts. Executive Director Elaine Barkdull stated she and Charlie Myers have talked about the possibility of the county taking over the NDOT-owned Frontage Road. Elaine Barkdull added 2 appraisals will be done on the land and the committee will be discussing design of the railport, and inland port certification.

WREP (Wells Retail Enhancement Program) – Executive Director Elaine Barkdull reported the NXlevel is going very well and Hank James is doing a wonderful job instructing the class. Elaine added the class consists of 14 business representatives.

Leads Update- Executive Director Elaine Barkdull reviewed leads worked on from September 14, 2006 through October 12, 2006. Elaine Barkdull advised Board Members that detailed information is confidential and located at the ECEDA office for further review.

Executive Director's Report

Grants – Elaine Barkdull reported \$116,000 in NCED grant monies was awarded to ECEDA. Commissioners praised ECEDA for “coming back and showing results.”

ECEDA Luncheon Fundraiser – Elaine Barkdull reminded board members to RSVP to ECEDA for reservations to the Jack Schultz Presentation that will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2006 at the Red Lion Casino at noon. Executive Director Elaine Barkdull told board members the first fifty people to sign up for the event would receive a free copy of Jack Schultz's BOOMTOWN USA, 7 ½ Keys to Big Success in Small Towns. Elaine Barkdull gave thanks to sponsors Sierra Pacific Power Company and Frontier Citizens Communications.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Retention and Expansion Program – Business, Retention and Expansion Coordinator Norlene Wilson reported that the program was going very well. Norlene Wilson informed board members the BR&E Survey is nearly completed and the first draft is geared to target specific needs of retailers and service companies. BR&E Coordinator Norlene Wilson added the new survey will be added to the ECEDA website and can be completed online. Executive Director Elaine Barkdull and Norlene Wilson will team up to do the surveys. Elaine Barkdull added there would be more information to report on after the surveys start coming back.

Elko County Economic Issues Committee – Executive Director reported the October 6th meeting was very well attended. Elaine Barkdull stated that housing was the main focus of this meeting and a list of all housing projects including Carlin, Elko and Wells were compiled as a result of

this meeting. The next EEI meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 3, 2006 at GBC High Tech Center at 10 a.m. in which workforce issues will be the primary topic.

8. MEMBER REPORTS

Each Board Member gave a brief report on the activities of their cities.

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

City of Elko – Glen Guttry gave a brief 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 Friday, November 17, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at Great Basin College's Berg Hall Conference Room.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted,

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