

ELKO COUNTY ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Board Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2005

UNR Fire Science Academy
Carlin, Nevada
9:00am (PSDT)

ATTENDANCE: Paul Killpatrick, Elaine Barkdull, Kim Abeyta, Glen Guttry, Charlie Myers, Rhonda Zuraff, Kathy Alexander, Greg Brorby, Cliff Eklund, David Crawford

Via Telephone: Mary Korpi, Kerry Aguirre, Pax Kelly

Absent: Great Basin Bank, Barrick Goldstrike, Stewart Title Company, and Placer Dome

Guests: Adella Harding (Elko Daily Free Press)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No public comments were made.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Copies of related materials available

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 2005 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: The regular monthly Board meeting was held on September 16, 2005 at Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital.

ACTION ITEM: Charlie Myers motioned to approve the August minutes and Glen Guttry seconded to motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2005

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: Mary Korpi motioned to approve the warrants and Rhonda Zuraff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET UPDATE: Executive Director Elaine Barkdull reported State of Nevada grant monies, in the amount of \$66,000, have been received and would be reflected in the October Budget.

ECEDA Board Meeting Host Presentation: David Crawford, UNR Fire Science Academy reported the Fire Science Academy is currently in negotiations with the chemical company BASF. The contract is approximately \$350,000 and will include a five-year-plan which will bring in approximately 120 students yearly.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Leads Update: Executive Director Elaine Barkdull reviewed the leads worked on from September 17 - October 18, 2005. Elaine Barkdull explained (in as much detail as possible) which areas companies were focusing on.

Memberships: The Board approved Weinger Family Limited Partnership as a premium member of ECEDA. Elaine Barkdull also stated that Wal-Mart has changed management and will not be renewing their ECEDA membership at this time.

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ONGOING BUSINESS – Continued

ECEDA Leads Policy: Paul Killpatrick, Charlie Myers, Pax Kelly, Phyllis Peterson, and Elaine Barkdull will serve on the Leads Policy Committee. The meeting of the Leads Policy Committee will follow the Workforce/Housing Committee at Great Basin College on November 4, 2005.

Update on NCED grants and explanation of criteria for the funding: Executive Director, Elaine Barkdull provided copies of the approved grants and outlines of each program. Elaine Barkdull told Board Members that ECEDA received \$136,000 in grant money which was made available by the Nevada Commission on Economic Development. She stated that the proposed projects will total \$180,000. Elaine Barkdull reported grant money would be dispersed as follows:

- Northeastern Nevada Railport Business Plan - \$55,000
- Elko County Business Expansion and Retention - \$6,400
- Elko County Target Marketing Study - \$15,000
- ECEDA Program for Success - \$31,400
- Industrial Property Marketing - \$28,200

NCED Dinner: Elaine Barkdull confirmed ECEDA has already received 160 reservations and was anticipating attendance for the dinner to reach approximately 200 guests.

OLD BUSINESS

Work Plan Committee Meeting Dates: Meeting dates were discussed and confirmed as the following:

Railport Project Committee:

Meeting Date/Time: To be announced after January 2006.

Workforce Development Committee:

Meeting Date/Time: November 4, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. at Great Basin College.

Marketing and Recruiting Committee: To be announced at a later time

Regional Economic Development Issues Committee: Meeting Date/Time: To be announced after NCED determines its new direction dealing with regions.

Update on the Railport Project: Charlie Myers stated that Elko County officially named the Railport the “Northeastern Nevada Regional Railport.”

ENTITY REPORTS

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

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SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting will be held on November 18, 2005 in Wells Nevada.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted:

Kim Abeyta, Assistant Director