

**ELKO COUNTY ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION AUTHORITY**

**(ECEDA)**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2006 AT 9:00 A.M.**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**GREAT BASIN COLLEGE**

**BERG HALL**

PRESENT:     Helen Hornbarger                     Phyllis Peterson  
                  Summer Ehrmann                     Georgeann Dalton  
                  Charlie Myers                             Cliff Eklund  
                  David Crawford                     Pax Kelly  
                  Paul Killpatrick                     Kerry Aguirre  
                  Greg Brorby                             Elaine Barkdull  
                  Kim Abeyta

GUESTS: None

REPRESENTATIVE ABSENT: City of Elko, Great Basin Bank, Barrick Gold of North America, and Newmont Mining Corporation

1.     ECEDA Chairman Greg Brorby opened the meeting.
2.     Public Comment - No public comments were made.
3.     Correspondence - Executive Director Elaine Barkdull provided newspaper articles from the Elko Daily Free Press relating to ECEDA and the NNRR project.
4.     Approval of the August 2006 Regular Board Minutes – The regular monthly board meeting was held on August 18, 2006 at Great Basin College, in Elko, Nevada.

Action Item – Summer Ehrmann made a motion to approve the August Minutes and Paul Killpatrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of Warrants for August 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 – Paul Killpatrick made a motion to approve the August and David Crawford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Executive Committee Meeting – ECEDA Chairman Greg Brorby stated the primary focus of the meeting was to determine formats for the Executive Director’s review and progress report that shall be maintained throughout the year. Greg Brorby stated that the Executive Committee plans to finalize their decision at their next scheduled meeting.

Update on NNRR Project - Charlie Myers and Elaine Barkdull reported that Transystems of California was selected to do the design. The Master Plan will then go before the planning commission and the Industrial Park will be sold off to an experienced industrial developer. The Railport will be leased to a professional transload facility operator for as long as 30 years.

WREP (Wells Retail Enhancement Program) – Pax Kelly told board members that the feedback for the WREP was going extremely well.

Leads Update- Executive Director Elaine Barkdull reviewed a very long list of leads worked on from August 12, 2006 through September 15, 2006. Elaine Barkdull advised Board Members that detailed information is confidential and located at the ECEDA office for further review.

Executive Director’s Report - Executive Director Elaine Barkdull reported the IEDC was Conference in New York City was well attended. Elaine Barkdull stated she would provide board members with an outline of the sessions she attended in the near future.

Grants – Executive Director Elaine Barkdull advised board members that the City of Carlin will receive \$386,000 in grant monies from the NCED SB1 funds. The funds will be put towards infrastructure improvements to the Carlin Industrial Park.

Kim Abeyta reported on the NCED criteria which were established in the decision process for the recipients of the grant monies. Kim Abeyta added that fifteen of thirty grant applications received by NCED and were approved.

Elaine Barkdull presented to board members an outline of grants that ECEDA applied for the second series of NCED funds. Projects being submitted for NCED funding includes the following:

1. ECEDA's 2006-07 Programs for Success	\$35,000
2. Elko Marketing & Wells Retail Analysis	\$10,000
3. Lead Development and Marketing Package	\$25,000
4. Labor Market Evaluation/Recruitment Program	\$44,000
5. Strategic Planning Session	\$20,000
6. Regional Cluster Analysis	\$45,000

Board Members reviewed the grant requests and prioritized them as follows:

1. ECEDA's 2006-07 Programs for Success
2. Labor Market Evaluation/Recruitment Program
3. Lead Development and Marketing Package

Action Item – Paul Killpatrick made a motion to approve the prioritized grant requests and Pax Kelly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Member Approval- Gold Dust West Casino/Elko applied for membership with ECEDA at a premium level (\$3,000).

Action Item – Charlie Myers made a motion to approve membership of Gold Gust West Casino/Elko and Kerry Aguirre seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ECEDA Luncheon Fundraiser – Executive Director Elaine Barkdull advised board members of the upcoming speaking engagement with the Jack Schultz, author of “BOOMTOWN USA.” The fundraising event is scheduled for November 8, 2006 and will be held at the Red Lion Club Max Theatre. The special luncheon will be sponsored by Sierra Pacific Power Company. Elaine Barkdull encouraged board members to attend the exciting event.

## 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Retention and Expansion Program – Executive Director Elaine Barkdull advised board members that the first meeting of the BR&E Program will be a special luncheon hosted by ECEDA and will be held September 29, 2006 at the Red Lion Casino. Elaine Barkdull added that there will be a PowerPoint Presentation to outline the program and BR&E Coordinator Norlene Wilson will give a brief introduction of the elements of the program.

Elko County Economic Issues Committee – Executive Director Elaine Barkdull reported on the newly formed EEI committee which met on September 1, 2006. Elaine Barkdull explained committee members primarily focused on establishing three main topics or issues for the group to review during the coming year. Committee members discussed and prioritized a list to focus on in the following order: (1) Housing, (2) Workforce and (3) Infrastructure.

The next EEI Committee meeting will be held October 6, 2006

## 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 October 20, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at Great Basin College's Berg Hall Conference Room.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED**

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Abeyta  
Office Manager