

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

**ECEDA Regular Board Meeting  
Great Basin College  
Berg Hall Conference Room  
Wednesday, April 27, 2011  
1:00 p.m. PST**

**STAFF:**

Pam Borda- Executive Director  
Diana Duncan Elwess- Operations Coordinator

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:**

David Zornes- Red Lion Hotel & Casino  
Steve Feasel-City of Carlin Alternate  
Gretchen Hubert-City of Wells Alternate  
Charlie Myers-County of Elko

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Don Newman- ECVA  
Betti Magney-Elko Daily Free Press  
Carl Diekhans-Great Basin College  
Jeff Brigger-NV Energy- via phone  
Jean Sloan-Nevada State Bank Alternate  
Matt Murray-Newmont Gold  
Kerry Aguirre- Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital  
Pedro Ormaza-Ormaza Construction  
Jason Ashby- P & H MinePro Services  
Marc Selph-RAM Enterprise- Alternate

**GUESTS:**

Danielle Switalski- Elko Daily Free Press  
Duane Jones- RDAAC Chairman, DBA Board Member  
Delynn Jones

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

AMEC Earth & Environmental  
City of Elko  
City of West Wendover  
Frontier Communications  
Gold Dust West  
Pacific Steel & Recycling  
Savage Services  
Stewart Title Company  
US Bank

**A. CALL TO ORDER: By ECEDA Chairman of the Board David Zornes**

The agenda for this meeting of the Elko County Economic Diversification Authority (ECEDA) has been properly posted for this day and time in accordance with NRS requirement. **ECEDA's monthly board meeting agenda and board meeting minutes are now posted for public viewing on our website at [www.eceda.com](http://www.eceda.com). They can be found under the *ECEDA at Work* link.**

**B. ROLL CALL: Introductions of Board Members and Guests.**

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**C. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

This agenda item is to provide time for the general public to address the authority regarding items of concern. Action cannot be taken at this time, but a matter can be set on the agenda for a future meeting, as appropriate.

1) **PRESENTATION BY DUANE JONES RDAAC CHAIRMAN, REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
ADVISORY COUNCIL AND DBA BOARD MEMBER**

Duane Jones presented to the board information about the Downtown Redevelopment Plans. The group feels that Elko needs to remember their history and continue to grow the community around it. The California Trail came into Elko where the corridor is now, the corridor was also host to the railroad for 115 years.

**\*\* DENOTES POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM**

**D.\*\* APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 2011 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.**

**ACTION:** Kerry Aguirre motioned approval of the March 2011 Minutes. Don Newman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**E.\*\* ECEDA FINANCIALS:**

1) **\*\*APPROVAL OF WARRANTS FOR MARCH 2011:**

Review and approval of expenditures and financials for the month of March 2011.

Executive Director Pam Borda went over the warrants pointing out that the 2 large payments were for Atlas Advertising and for the Dream !t Do !t program.

**ACTION:** Don Newman motioned approval of the March 2011 Warrants. Carl Diekhans seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

1) **\*\*REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL TO PURCHASE FROM INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP "THE FUTURES GAME" KIT WITH FACILITATION GUIDE, DVD AND MASTER FILES.**

Gretchen Hubert and Steve Feasel had the opportunity to participate in The Futures Game during the 5th Annual National Mining Summit. They both felt that it was somewhat representative of our area due to the game having a large community like Elko and two smaller communities like Carlin and Wells.

**ACTION:** Steve Feasel motioned approval to purchase from Innovative Leadership "The Futures Game". Gretchen Hubert seconded the motion. The motion passed.

2) **\*\*REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE 3RD QUARTER LDGP REPORT.**

Executive Director Pam Borda explained that the 3rd Quarter report to NCED is used for tracking of our goals and objectives in our Strategic Plan.

**ACTION:** Don Newman motioned approval of the 3rd Quarter LDGP Report. Jason Ashby seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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- 3) **\*\*REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL TO APPLY TO NCED FOR THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM (LDGP) FOR YEAR 2011-2012 AND THE PROPOSED BUDGET.**

ECEDA is requesting from NCED \$75,000 for our operational expenses. We are using the same budget as last fiscal year as there were no issues and our expenses have decreased.

**ACTION:** Kerry Aguirre motioned approval to apply to NCED for the LDGP for Year 2011-2012 and the proposed budget. Steve Feasel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- 4) **REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF ASSEMBLY BILL 449, WHICH REVISES PROVISIONS RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INTRODUCED BY ASSEMBLYMAN JOHN OCEGUERA.**

Executive Director Pam Borda explained to the board that AB449 is a reorganization of economic development for the entire state. The bill has had amendments added in order to make the bill more palatable to all concerned. This bill will be approved everyone is just unsure what it will look like.

- 5) **REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF GREAT BASIN COLLEGE BY THE TEAM GBC COMMITTEE.**

The TEAM GBC committee is comprised of members from each city, the county, the college foundation, the college advisory board, ECEDA, and concerned citizens. John Carpenter is the chairman of TEAM GBC. Currently the committee meets weekly to discuss what this group can do to assure a stable and good future for the college.

- 6) **\*\*REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL TO CHANGE ECEDA MEMBERSHIP FEES.**

Executive Director Pam Borda opened discussion of changing membership fees because someone expressed interest in joining ECEDA to be involved in our Open Source Committees but is a small office of one and the lowest amount to be a member is \$500.00. ECEDA has established that in order to sit on one of the committees the entity must be a member of ECEDA.

After discussing among the board, no action was taken.

- 7) **\*\*REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A RAISE FOR THE OPERATIONS COORDINATOR TO BE EFFECTIVE ON MARCH 1, 2011.**

Executive Director Pam Borda stated that she has changed the Operations Coordinator position over the last year to a fully fledged assistant. She reported that the Operations Coordinator has done a great job of learning and handling the added responsibility.

**ACTION:** Betti Magney motioned approval of a raise for the Operations Coordinator to be effective on March 1, 2011. Gretchen Hubert seconded the motion. Carl Diekhans abstained. The motion passed.

- 8) **REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF ETHICS TRAINING OFFERED BY THE CITY OF ELKO.  
TUESDAY MAY 17, 2011  
2:00-3:30 PM  
CITY HALL, COUNCIL ROOM**

Pam Borda reminded everyone that Ethics training is available and that if you are interested in attending to please let us know. Staff will send out an RSVP request.

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**G. REPORTS**

- 1) **STATUS AND LEADS:** Staff will provide a summary of ECEDA's activities and active leads.

A written Staff Report was provided in the Board Packet. Pam Borda reported that the 5th Annual National Mining Summit was a great event. ECVA did a great job and the response to sponsorship was good.

Leads- ECEDA has been turning away leads due to lack of square footage needed.

China Mountain Wind Project- Draft EIS is being released, turbines and poles will be staged at the Railport.

Lost Warner Truck Center- too difficult to do business in city.

- 2) **NNRR PROJECT:** Commissioner Charlie Myers and staff will report on the progress of the County's NNRR Planning Committee and the Railport Project.

Charlie Myers reported that SAS Global should be completed by July, NOV is applying for permits and should break ground in May.

- 3) **RNDC** – report from Shirley Alen on RNDC meetings

Shirley Alen will report on the April Meeting of RNDC in May.

**H. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Members will be provided the opportunity to give a short report on their business or their city/county.

**I. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

ECEDA's next regular Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at 1:00 pm at Great Basin College Berg Hall.

ECEDA's next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 1:30 pm at Great Basin College Berg Hall.

**J. ADJOURN**

**Respectfully submitted:**

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**Diana Duncan Elwess**  
Operations Coordinator