

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

**ECEDA Regular Board Meeting
Great Basin College
Foundation Conference Room
Wednesday, September 22, 2010
1:00 p.m. PST**

STAFF:

Pam Borda- Executive Director
Diana Duncan Elwess- Operations Coordinator

BOARD MEMBERS:

Angela Hansen-AMEC Earth & Environmental
Betti Magney-Elko Daily Free Press
Dan Hoover- Frontier Communications
Carl Diekhans-Great Basin College
Jeff Brigger-NV Energy-via phone
Shirley Alen-Nevada State Bank
Nichole Volk-Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital
Jason Ashby-P & H MinePro Services
Kelly Wilson-Pacific Steel & Recycling
David Zornes-Red Lion Hotel & Casino
Mary Korpi-Newmont Gold
Bill McCrary-RAM Enterprise

GUESTS:

Gayle Ratliff- US Bank
Danielle Switalski- Elko Daily Free Press
Aaron Robertson- Blue Ox Development
David Stanton- Local Attorney on behalf of the Ferraro Group/November Ballot Question 1
Tom Coyle- Local Attorney on behalf of the Ferraro Group/November Ballot Question 1
John Rice- Great Basin College Foundation
Greg Brorby- NV Energy

MEMBERS ABSENT:

City of Carlin
City of Elko
City of Wells
City of West Wendover
County of Elko
Gold Dust West
Savage Services
Stewart Title Company

A. CALL TO ORDER: By ECEDA Chairman of the Board Angela Hansen

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. 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) Recognition and appreciation to Greg Brorby for serving as an officer of the Board of Directors for the past six years.

Pam Borda presented to Greg Brorby a plaque of appreciation. He has given 6 years of service to the ECEDA Board in capacity of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Immediate Past Chairman. His efforts have been greatly appreciated.

2) A presentation by Dr. John Patrick Rice of Great Basin College Foundation on Institutional Advancement in the months and years ahead as well as a preview of how GBC stands in the next legislative session.

Dr. John Patrick Rice and GBC President Carl Diekhans presented to the board highlights of Great Basin College. GBC has a service area of 62,000 square miles and includes a population of 120,000 people. The college offers a variety of programs including the highly successfully dual credit program, local campuses and online courses. The college system was impacted by the last legislative session due to budget constraints and cuts. It appears the same problem will be coming around in the new legislative session and will cause even more cutbacks and upsets to the college system considerably affecting the smaller colleges.

3) A presentation by the Ferraro Group on Question 1 which will on the November Ballot. Question 1 pertains to the way supreme and district court judges are elected.

Local attorneys David Stanton and Tom Coyle reported that Question 1 will have more impact on the larger metropolitan areas of Clark and Washoe Counties. The current system of electing judges depends heavily on expensive campaigns that do nothing to help ensure the most qualified candidates are elected. Such a system undermines trust in the judiciary and creates the perception that judges answer to financial supporters instead of the law.

This November, they are asking voters to support judicial reform that will do the following:

- Expand the current system of filling vacancies by appointing all district and supreme court judges based upon recommendations of an independent citizen commission and the Governor;
- Subject all incumbent judges to a judicial performance review conducted by a separate independent commission and inform voters of the commission's findings; and
- Require incumbent judges running for re-election to retain at least 55% of the vote in order to stay on the bench.

**** DENOTES POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM**

D. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 2010 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

ACTION: Carl Diekhans motioned approval of the August 2010 Financials. Nichole Volk seconded the motion. Mary Korpi abstained. The motion passed.

E. ECEDA FINANCIALS:**

1) **APPROVAL OF WARRANTS FOR AUGUST 2010:

Review and approval of expenditures and financials for the month of August 2010

ACTION: Betti Magney motioned approval of the August 2010 Financials. Mary Korpi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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F. NEW BUSINESS

1) ****REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE NORTHEASTERN NEVADA REGIONAL RAILPORT ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY.**

Not asking for approval at this time as this project was completed by ECEDA for the County and should be presented to the County before any approval. Executive Director Pam Borda did provide that the study showed the NNRR was a complete success with a 21.5 million dollar impact to Elko County. NNRR created 305 jobs of which 60 are permanent and generated 1.2 million in tax dollars.

This item will be on the October 27, 2010 ECEDA Board Meeting Agenda.

2) **STATUS REPORT FROM THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES.**

Pam Borda met with Rob Stokes, County Manager and Kristen McQueary of the DA's office regarding changes to ECEDA governing documents. The language is being reviewed in order to make sure that the wording and intent are aligned.

3) ****REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBERS TO ECEDA.**

ACTION: Kelly Wilson motioned approval of New Members Agate, Inc and US Bank to ECEDA. Dave Zornes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4) **REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE UPCOMING NATIONAL SUMMIT OF MINING COMMUNITIES**

At this time the Summit is shaping up to be a great conference with exceptional keynote speakers.

5) ****REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A POLICY TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO CONDUCT ECEDA BUSINESS WHEN THE ITEM IS DEEMED IMPORTANT AND TIME IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO BE TAKEN TO A REGULAR BOARD MEETING OR TO CALL A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING.**

This item has been tabled as the language for the policy has not been drafted.

G. REPORTS

1) **LEADS:** Staff will provide a summary of ECEDA's active leads.

Aerospace- Elko County no longer being considered

Truck center- moving forward, working with 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.

3) **RNDC –** report from Shirley Alen on the NRDC meeting

4) **STATUS REPORT:** Staff will provide status on various activities and projects.

A written Staff Report was provided in the Board Packet.

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 will be held on Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at 1:00 pm at Great Basin College, Berg Hall.

Discussion and direction for November and December meetings which both fall on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and Christmas.

This discussion will be held October 27, 2010 as the meeting was beginning to run long and people needed to leave.

J. ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted:

Diana L Duncan Elwess
Operations Coordinator