

EDEN, Inc. of Nevada
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 29, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.

At EDEN, Inc. of Nevada in the conference room at
1301 S. Hwy 160 (2nd floor) Pahrump, NV 89048
And via Telephone conference

1. Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum.

Meeting was called to order by Al Parker at 8:05 a.m. The following either attended in person or via teleconference.

Board Members: Al Parker Trish Rippie Bill Aldrich Patty Hall Cindy Kaminski
Robert Cameron Tinker Evans Bill Verbeck Staff: Paula Elefante Guest: Mary Balloqui

2. ACTION: Discussion and decision regarding of approval of minutes for October 29, 2008
Trish moved to approve the minutes of October 29, 2008. Bill seconded the motion.
Approved 8-0.

3. ACTION: Discussion and decision regarding approval of Financial Reports for:
Discussion and decision regarding of approval of financial reports for October 2008
Discussion and decision regarding of approval of financial reports for November 2008
Discussion and decision regarding of approval of financial reports for December 2008

Trish moved to approve the Financial Reports for October, November & December 2008
Patty seconded the motion.
Approved 8-0.

4. DISCUSSION: Discussion regarding CED's document

Al opened discussion regarding the CED's document and turned the discussion over to Paula. Paula said she had sent out an email to all the Town Boards, Town Advisory Board and BOCC asking them to review their part of the CED's document. She had only had responses from a few people and needs to have the feedback and updated information by February 15th so she can update the CED's document and can take it to the BOCC in May.

This document will help Nye County go after Federal Funding to help get funding for RNDC and other entities, towns, communities and projects needed in the Nye County area.

5. DISCUSSION: 2009 Goals & Objectives

Al opened discussion regarding 2009 Goals & Objectives for Eden and would like input from board members as to what goals & objectives they would like to establish. Some of these goals & objectives have already been talked about but have not yet been formulized as specific goals for 2009.

Some of the goals that have been set is for the Nye County Community Assessment Forum conference in Tonopah scheduled for May 7th through May 8th and the CED's document. Al said other than those 2 items he would like to get feedback from other board members for more specific goals & objectives for Eden in 2009. Al asked the members submit the information to staff and him so it can be reviewed.

6. CORRESPONDENCE: (any requiring action will be under New Business)

Tinker is going to email everyone a copy of the Nevada Mining Association Newsletter to help give members some information on the mines relating to what they do for Nevada and the taxes that they pay.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION:

7. Discussion and decision regarding Eden hosting a Nye County Community Assessment Forum conference in Tonopah.

Al opened discussion on this item and said he would like to host it in Tonopah.

Paula talked about the conference where we would have the state come in and do an assessment in each town. She has talked to NCED about doing board training for the Eden board and a date has yet to be set. Al said they would have one day sessions about the transfer of wealth, home town competitiveness and how to bring people together to discuss how to improve rural and economic development. Al would like to have representatives from all the Town Boards, Town Advisory Boards, County Commissioners and town managers to attend in Tonopah but he would like to set a date.

Paula said she would like to set it up in Tonopah for a Saturday because of the work schedule of the people who would attend, however the state representatives' don't work on Saturday's. Paula said she believed she would not enough participation if she held it during the work week.

Tinker said Round Mountain Economic Development people would come be available during a weekday if they were given enough notice. Bill agreed a Friday might work out better for some of the other attendees.

It was decided that the workshop should be start on a Thursday afternoon and ½ day on Friday morning at the Tonopah Convention Center and could possibly be held May 7th to May 8th.

Al directed staff to look into making the arrangements for the Nye County Community Assessment Forum to be held May 7th through May 8th.

DISCUSSION:

- Community Strategic Plans

Al asked if there were any reports or information from board members about what is going on in their communities.

Tinker said she is excited about their Economic Development Team and she has corresponding with Mary Balloqui and would like to have PAVED come visit them and mentor them a little. They are also going to have a Business Symposium on April 17, 2009 at the Simpson Cent at 5:00 p.m.

Robert had Jan Cameron, the Chairperson from the Amargosa Advisory Board, discuss the State Engineers water report concerning Amargosa Valley and read the report from the state regarding water rights movements around the Devils Hole in the Amargosa Valley. She said what this report effectively did is basically freeze all water rights in the Amargosa Valley and basically puts a rapid decrease to do

any economic development in Amargosa and a devalue of the current land and water rights. She said the County has gone to court regarding these water rights issues.

Jan also mentioned that the Amargosa Advisory Board will be appointing an Advisory Board liaison to Eden's Board at their meeting tonight.

Cindy reported that they had James Denise from TDC & the Chamber, Chris from the town office and Horris a new member from their board attend the sub-committee hearings in Carson City regarding the closer of the Camp in Tonopah. They are still working with the Midway Gold Co. on their water project and they are moving forward. Cindy also reported that there is no news regarding the opening of the Molly Mines. They also have a new 24 hr restaurant opened called The Grate Steak and Seafood Co.

Paula asked Cindy if there has been a job loss at the Range and she said there has been no job loss at the range and the paper was premature in reporting that 50 jobs had been loss at the Range. The mode has been to go into a command mode and therefore there has been no job loss.

Al asked Cindy who is the head of TDC and she said it is still John Zane and he is also a new board member. Cindy also mentioned what other members are on the board and how long they have been board members. They also have one open seat on the board waiting to be filled by the governor.

Gabbs has a new Senior Citizen building and they are very excited about having this new facility.

Reports:

RNDC/SBDC:

Al said that due to time constrains he will not go into details regarding his reports for October to December 2008. If anyone has any questions regarding those reports to please contact him. Al did say because of economic times he is working less with people who are looking to start a new business and has been working a lot with existing small business owners regarding retention due to the fact that a lot of business have seen a decrease of about 20 to 30%. A lot of them are looking for funds and capital and RNDC is working to help them.

Staff:

Paula:

Paula mentioned that we should have had an election this meeting but it will be put on the agenda for the meeting in February. She would like the board members to think about what positions they would be interested in running for. She will also be contacting each board member to see what Eden can do to help them.

Paula mentioned some presentations she gave at the RNDC board meeting. And some of things she plans to work on is the Transfer of Wealth workshop in May at the conference and CED's document. She also would like to set up a date for the board of directors training. The Chair for Nevada Commission on Economic Development is interested in coming down and doing the training.

She also is making sure the website is kept current and she would also like to work on a business plan.

Board Members Comments:

Paula asked that all members email her information an updated list of on who is on all the members town boards and advisory boards.

Bill Verbeck mentioned that Great Basin College is proud of Gabbs because the Juniors and Seniors lead the state for enrollment as it pertains to population per capita. Mr. Verbeck said they are looking at

a having a center in Tonopah where they could also have Job Connect services and a live classroom along with a video classroom. He said they are going to merge their resources with the Federal Job Connect along with the Workforce Development in Pahrump and he is hoping to expand their services outside of Pahrump to include Nye County and the rest of the rural counties. He does have some concerns with the Nevada State Budget and how that will affect the education system, however the stimulus package will hopefully provide more Pell Grants which provides more than just financial resources to attend college.

Mr. Verbeck said that enrollment is up in Pahrump with over 600 students and is a first for Pahrump, which includes interactive video with Gabbs, Tonopah and throughout the rest of Nye County. He is looking forward to the forum in Tonopah and the discussion as it pertains to economic and educational development.

Al mentioned that at the RNDC meeting last week on Monday, they had Jerry Sandstrom from the Nevada Commission on Economic Development gave them a presentation and his assessment as to what is happening and their budget could be cut by 1.4 million dollars. They had a supplemental grant that helped Eden and RNDC over the last few years, however is no longer available. They could also be looking at a loss of 5 full time employees if the State budget goes through.

Trish mentioned the problem she is having with the cost from Utilities Inc. for her group home. The previous utility company was charging her senior group home, she built in 1999, sewer rates for a single family resident hookup and monthly charges was \$23 for sewer, that was under an agreement she had with the previous utility company, however Utilities Inc. is not honoring that agreement and is charging her commercial fees of \$650 a month for a house with 10 residence and she has filed an appeal with the Utilities Commission.

Paula noted that Beatty for the first time has elected people they would like to serve on their Town Board and those names will be submitted to the County Commissioners for appointment because Beatty is not set up like the Pahrump Town Board so the people have to be appointed.

Al asked that Eden put on the next agenda a discussion item on an MOU between RNDC and Eden for the current fiscal year.

Public Comment/Presentations:

Mary Balloqui from PAVED mentioned that the USDA RBEG Grants are becoming available in the next few months and there will be a meeting next week on Wednesday in Vegas at the library next to Chashman Field. She will forward that information to Paula so she can share that information with the other board members and out to rest of the community.

Set time and date for future EDEN meeting:

It was agreed that the next Eden board meeting will be held February 25, 2008 in Pahrump at 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment: Adjournment was at 9:43 a.m.