

**EDEN, Inc. of Nevada**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

February 25, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.

At EDEN, Inc. of Nevada in the conference room at  
1301 S. Hwy 160 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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, William Aldrich, Cindy Kaminski, Robert Cameron, Tinker Evans  
Bill Verbeck    Staff: Paula Elefante, Rick Ewing    Guest: Mary Balloqui, Jade Robinson,  
Ferrel Hansen, Horace Carlyle

2. ACTION: Discussion and decision regarding of approval of minutes for January 29, 2009  
Cindy moved to approve the minutes of January 29, 2009. Robert seconded the motion.  
Approved 6-0.

3. ACTION: Discussion and decision regarding approval of Financial Reports for January 2009.

Cindy moved to approve the Financial Reports for January 2009. William seconded the motion.  
Approved 7-0.

**NEW BUSINESS** (Discussion, Decision & Action)

4. DISCUSSION: Discussion and decision regarding Eden hosting The Nye County Community Assessment Forum scheduled for Tonopah, Thursday through Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Al opened discussion and asked Paula for an update. Paula said the name is The Nye Development Summit and she has spoken to Joe Locurto and he and some other people from the Nevada Commission on Economic Development to go over the Community Assessment Process, Home Town Wealth, Transfer of Wealth and they will provide information to communities to help them deal with any issues they need assistance with.

Al suggested that Clint Koble from the RNDC & NRDC be invited also to help to participate. Paula said they will invite all Town Boards, BOCC and various development agencies', including Work Force Development. Cindy took care of reserved the Tonopah Convention Center and Paula said she will get in touch with Ramada and reserve a block of rooms depending on how many RSVP's she receives back.

Paula said because it is a 2 day event, that Thursday evening can be spent networking.

Mr. Verbeck asked if this is a type of forum where Great Basin Community College and PAVED could also participate so they can discuss some of their ideas and provide information on the stimulus package. Paula & Al said yes, that any and all organizations that have to do with economic development are welcome to participate.

5. DISCUSSION/DECISION: Discussion and decision regarding adding Jade Robinson to the Eden Board of Directors.

AI opened discussion on this item and he read a letter from the Amargosa Town Advisory Board stating they have appointed Jade Robinson to be their liaison on the Eden Board.

AI asked Paula if she had anything to say on this item. Paula said that Jade was unable to make it too many of the board meetings last year due to family issues. Paula said that she is looking forward to having him back on the Eden Board and we will benefit by having him back.

There was no vote needed to accept Mr. Robinson to the board because he was appointed by the Amargosa Town Advisory Board.

6. DISCUSSION/DECISION: Election of officers for 2009

AI called for nominations of officers for the Eden Board and opened the item for discussion and motions from the board.

There was a nomination from Bill for AI Parker to remain as President and a second from Cindy. Paula called for any other nominations and there were none. Robert moved that nominations be closed and that AI elected by acclamation. AI called for the vote. Bill seconded Robert and AI was elected to President 6-0.

AI called for nominations for Vice-President. AI made a motion to nominate Bill Verbeck and a second by Bill Aldrich. Bill Verbeck was elected as Vice-President 6-0.

AI called for nominations for Secretary/Treasurer. AI nominated Trish Rippie and there was a second by Bill Aldrich. Trish was elected to Secretary/Treasurer 7-0.

7. DISCUSSION: Discussion regarding MOU between Eden and RNDC regarding \$20,000 for the current fiscal year.

AI opened discussion regarding funding SBC/RNDC and he had Ferrel Hansen online from RNDC to help provided information on the MOU between Eden and RNDC. AI asked Paula to explain how Eden is planning on funding the SBC/RNDC office in Pahrump for 2009.

Paula said she is looking at several resources to help fund SBC/RNDC office in Pahrump for 2009 because the funding from the state budget has been cut and the funds are not available this year. She is submitting the paperwork for \$10,000 for the RBEG Grant. She is also going to submit a request to the County Commissioners for \$5,000 and the Town of Pahrump for \$5,000.

She is hopeful to get the support of the County and Town of Pahrump. If all goes well then Eden should be able to fund the SBC/RNDC office in Pahrump for the next fiscal year.

Mr. Verbeck asked what types of services Eden is getting from this MOU. Paula said that all the information and services they provide is in the monthly reports that AI produces. Paula said they provide support for people who are starting a business or looking at business retention and expansion. Paula also said that AI is a certified QuickBooks instructor and provide other support to help businesses find funding for startup, retention and expansion through RNDC.

AI said that he would be able to provide Mr. Verbeck with a copy of the MOU. AI said that he has been doing this for 7 years and that Eden, years ago, wanted to have a SBC/RNDC office in Pahrump and AI provides free and confidential consoling to help small businesses.

Paula said years ago the County funded Eden, however when Eden incorporated the county quit funding and removed them from the budget. Paula said because the county quit funding the Eden it has been a challenge for Eden to fund SBC/RNDC, that this is a service that no one else provides in Nye County.

When the 1<sup>st</sup> contract was signed, Mr. Hansen said the intent at the time was to create a Economic Development One Stop in Pahrump and since then through the efforts of a number of people that they were able to bring SBC/RNDC, Eden, SCORE and the Chamber of Commerce together in one building to provide services that would benefit the community.

Mr. Hansen said after he received information from Eden regarding the financial position he understood Eden could not continue to fund the SBC/RNDC office without some other resources and he did want to jeopardize Eden by overextending the finances to try and pay for the MOU between Eden and SBC/RNDC.

Mr. Verbeck said he believes that after looking at the county budget that he sees no reason why the County would not support Eden financially for the full amount of \$20,000.

Paula said she had asked Commissioner Borasky about if the County would be will to help to financially support Eden and help pay for the SBC/RNDC office in Pahrump and he told her he didn't think it would go through and Paula should talk to some of the other Commissioners to see how they felt about it.

Al said that a few years ago Eden broke away from the County financially to become a separate entity to help provide services exclusively to Nye County. Paula said the county had tried and contracted with an independent person to be their own economic development person. However, that person is no longer contracted with Nye County.

Mr. Verbeck asked if the MOU can be renegotiated. Al said that is something that can be considered and they should be getting a new MOU within the next 30-60 days. Mr. Hansen said he would have to have a new MOU signed before the next fiscal year which would be July 1, 2009.

Mr. Hansen said that everybody needs to look at their budget with all the cutbacks the state has done. He said he also understood that Eden had put on the agenda for the next BOCC meeting a request for funding of \$5,000. Paula said she had put the item on the agenda for the meeting in March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Al said that Paula is trying to get the \$20,000 by requesting \$10,000 from the RBEG Grant, \$5,000 from the County and \$5,000 from the Town of Pahrump.

Paula said Eden has enough to pay RNDC \$10,000 right now without causing any financial problems.

Robert asked how, if Eden made the \$10,000 payment, would be sitting until July. Paula said that Eden should have enough funding since the monthly expenses are about \$5,000 a month.

Paula said that Eden did not have a lot of extra anticipated expenses for until July.

Robert asked what Paula what she anticipated the cost would be for The Nye Development Summit. Paula said she will have limited expenses and they would be mostly for dinner, Paula's travel/lodging and materials needed.

Mr. Verbeck that maybe some charge for registration could be assessed to help pay for the summit.

Mr. Hansen said that maybe RNDC could help provide some funding for the event. Mr. Verbeck said that Great Basin may be able to provide some funding also.

AI pointed out the MOU had already been approved by the Eden board last year so no motion is needed to approve the funding.

8. DISCUSSION: Discussion regarding NCED request for Eden audit for fiscal year of 2007-2008.

AI opened discussion on this item and said he a letter from the NCED that it is a requirement that Eden have an annual audit that is due no later than March 31, 2009.

AI said Eden has not had a CPA audit in the past, however this is a requirement from NCED and he asked Paula what she had found out regarding the cost for the audit.

Paula said checked with Dan McArthur and found the cost for the audit could be anywhere from \$5,000 to \$18,000. She has contacted another CPA firm to see what they would charge for an audit. She had Rick email the Eden QuickBooks file to them and they will get back to Paula with a quote. Paula said she is trying to get a CPA firm to do the audit pro-bono.

AI said it is a requirement to get the audit within the next 30 days. Mr. Hansen said it may be a 501 C (3) requirement from the state for non-profits. Ferrel said the cost of the audit should be put into the grant and funded through the grant.

AI asked Paula to contact BJ so she could get information on the person who does the audit for RNDC and to also contact some firms out of Las Vegas for a quote for an audit.

9. DISCUSSION: Discussion and decision regarding written Eden Goals and Objectives for 2009.

This item was tabled until next meeting.

DISCUSSION:

- Community Strategic Plans

Robert & Jade had nothing to report on Amargosa Valley.

Paula asked Mr. Carlyle if he had anything to share regarding Tonopah Development Authority. Mr. Carlyle said currently they are inactive. He said he has talked to the town manager to see if they can do something to help get them active. AI said he if there is anything RNDC & Eden can do to help out, please let him know.

Mr. Verbeck said GBC is looking at setting up a classroom/conference room in Tonopah and possibly have Job Connect and other One Stop services available for Tonopah and surrounding communities.

- CED's Document

AI asked for an update on the CED's document. Paula said she has sent an email to all the town boards requesting that they review it, make any changes the deem necessary and respond back to Paula by February 15<sup>th</sup> and no one has responded. Paula said since she did not get any responses she will be more aggressive and start making some phone calls.

Paula asked Robert that he have their town board review the document and he said he will do that. She said she would like to get the CED's document done before the end of this fiscal year. Preferably she would like to have all the information within the next few weeks.

Al asked that Paula put into her written goals and objectives, by the next meeting, the completion of the CED's document by the end of this fiscal year.

- MOU between Eden and RNDC for the current fiscal year.

**Reports:**

RNDC/SBDC:

Al said because of time constraints he will not go into detail regarding his reports. If anyone had any questions, please contact him directly.

Staff:

Paula:

Paula attended the RBEG workshop a few weeks ago and she asked them about a couple of potential projects available for funding. She also attended the DOE workshop at the Ruud Center for Yucca Mountain and they are still moving forward with their license.

Paula also has been working with No To Abuse to help reinstate the (SART) program, which is a sexual abuse response team. They also plan on getting one set up in Tonopah.

Rick:

Rick went over his report and has completed all the necessary tax documents for 2008. He is also working with the CPA to make sure he has all the necessary information so he can file our tax return.

Rick said he has also been working on the CED's document and went over the website statistics and updates.

Board Members Comments:

Robert said that he had contacted some of the board members and the CED's document is on the Amargosa Advisory Board Agenda for tomorrow night.

Set time and date for future EDEN meeting:

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

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