

EDEN, Inc. of Nevada
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 27, 2008 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 1 800-861-4084...1045656

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 Bill Aldrich Tinker Evans Laurayne Murray
Cindy Kaminski Bill Verbeck Staff: Paula Elefante Rick Ewing
Guest: Mary Balloqui Phil Huff

2. ACTION: Discussion and decision regarding approval of Minutes of the EDEN Board Meeting of June 25, 2008.

Tabled until next meeting.

3. ACTION: Discussion and decision regarding approval of Financial Report of June 25, 2008.

Rick went over the financial report and gave some information on the profit and loss. Cindy asked what we are going to do with the Gans-Nelson inventory that Eden has in stock. Paula suggested that we give it to the Goldfield Museum. Laurayne suggested that we try and give it away at the Fall Festival and give what ever is left over to the Goldfield Museum.

Cindy asked about the balance amount on the Eden credit card and she asked why it wasn't paid off. Rick said it was paid off since the financial report was generated.

Cindy moved to approve the Financial Report of June 25, 2008. Bill seconded the motion. Approved 6-0.

4. Correspondence:

There was no correspondence from staff or members.

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

Alan opened discussion and gave some backup on Eden hosting an event on Community Strategic Plans. He added since this subject came up Paula and Al have been able to attend several workshops and trainings regarding separate programs in the last 6 weeks that has to do with Economic Development and is pertinent to our organization. The names of some of

these seminars, workshops and trainings are (HTC) which is Home Town Competiveness, Transfer of Wealth and Community Assessment.

Paula added by stating that she and Al have discussed they would like to hold the all day workshop on a Saturday and invite all the EDA's and all their people there including the Town Boards, Nye County Commissioners, various organizations to participate in this so we can include the people from Round Mountain, Gabbs.

We could see if the communities want to set up separate foundations or create a Nye County foundation to determine the transfer of wealth.

Mr. Verbeck said this fits well with Community College and we could use their satellite sites they use for education in Round Mountain, Gabbs and Beatty. We could use these sites to communicate with each other.

Cindy moved to have Eden host the Assessment Forum in Tonopah. Mr. Verbeck seconded the motion. Approved 6-0.

6. DISCUSSION: Community Strategic Plans or Community Access Forum

Al asked if any board members wanted to talk about anything they may be doing on local community Strategic Plans. Cindy said the development Corp. is lagging until they can sell the HUD house and they haven't had many inquires. She said the Farmers Market is on Monday in Tonopah and does very well has a lot of homegrown food from the area sold there.

Tinker said they just had their development meeting and attendance has dropped of this summer, however they have a bank account and a PO Box. She spoke with David Lenard and they are planning on holding a small business symposium April 17, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center. They are going to start meeting with the town board so they can get on the same page.

Paula shared that Home Depot opened up and there was a lot of people there and the parking lot was so full people were parking in the dirt lots around the store. They had a lot of specials and they will be carrying supplies year around that they don't carry in the Las Vegas stores, such as swamp cooler pads, RV supplies, and Equestrian supplies.

Also, Wal-Mart is building a larger store north about a mile but she is not sure when they will start construction.

Mr. Verbeck said that the Nye County Commissioners received a nice training grant for the Brownsfield Project for \$200,000. The training will pertain to asbestos, lead paint, mold abatements and CPR. There will be 2 phases. One on training and the other on the clean up on hazard waste materials.

Tinker said the Round Mountain Mine is bringing their panning booth to the Fall Festival this year and they will have people from recruiting and human resources at the booth also.

7. DISCUSSION: Eden phone bills details

Rick did an audit on the phone Eden phone bills for the past 6 months and found that the average monthly phone bill for Eden is around \$200 to \$220 a month. That amount includes phone service, long distance, Internet, 800 number and conference calls.

Paula added that Eden will no longer be posting the conference calls number on the agenda and only board members will have access to it. This should help reduce the cost on the conference calls phone bill.

Reports:

RNDC/SBDC:

Al briefly went over his reports. Al said he has been in touch with a gentleman who has a food business up in Tonopah regarding a food business in Hawthorn or Beatty.

He is taking an online certification class in QuickBooks so he can be trainer in QuickBooks. He has also talked to a few businesses who are interested in purchasing an RV Park in Round Mountain with about 110 lots. Al also made a contact with someone in Round Mountain who is going to start a home based business.

Al wrote up a success story for the NSBDC on a local dog grooming business that has recently started up in Pahrump and has created 3 new jobs and is looking to expand.

Al had 15 inquiries and counseling sessions in July with 3 new jobs created that accounts for about \$63,000 and \$25,000 investments in business and \$38,000 increase in sales in existing businesses.

Staff:

Paula:

Paula briefly went over her report. Paula attended the Workforce Development Workshop in Baltimore. The main speaker was a gentleman who worked for the Dept. of Commerce, was a presidential liaison to the Dept. of Labor. She said she would like this gentleman to come out and speak when we have the Governors Conference on Economic Development. Paula said Mike Skaggs knows this gentleman and will contact him to see if he is interested speaking at the Governors Conference on Economic Development.

Paula said that when she gets the date and information for the Governors Conference on Economic Development she will send that information out to all the board members, developments corps., in Nye County so they can participate. She believes the conference will be held in Reno.

Paula also said there is an abundance of money available from the Dept. of Labor, Dept. of Education, Dept. of Energy, Dept. of Interior, and HHS. However, the educational aspect needs to be STEM related which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

Rick:

Rick briefly went over his report and gave information on websites visit information and has been working on keeping the website updated and will continue to do so as information becomes available.

8. Public Comment//Presentations:

Mary Balloqui from PAVED wanted to let us know that she has received some information from CCA Corrections Corporation and she will email the power point presentation to Eden.

PAVED signed up to have a booth at the Fall Festival which will be manned by volunteers and would like to work with Eden to see if we could supply volunteers along with PVCAT and get volunteers from some of the other organizations.

Mary Balloqui also wanted to follow up on receiving monthly reports from Eden so they have an idea of what kind of contacts Eden has had. She also asked about the April 23rd minutes about having them amended.

Paula and Al had asked that Rick condense them and he said Paula Glidden had contacted Al regarding the minutes and she had said that she felt the minutes were not reflective of what she wanted to have in them. Al asked Paula Glidden to submit something in writing so he could review her concerns. Al said he had never received anything in writing or verbally from Paula Glidden regarding the minutes.

Mary Balloqui said she did give Al something in writing at the last board meeting in writing and Al said he will look for that information. Mary also wanted to amend the May 28th minutes where Mary Balloqui name was mistakenly put into public comments section and it should have been Al Balloqui. Mary was not at that meeting.

Mr. Verbeck wanted to complement Eden on their website. He said he would like to see some kind of information that would provide information or schedule of what kind of events, training, educational or other information that in happening throughout Nye County. Paula said that our website designer is looking at creating a calendar with information on events going on in the Nye County towns.

Mr. Verbeck also noted that BEC Environmental will be hosting a forum which could end up with Nye County being placed on the map for providing opportunities and training for solar and wind and alternative energies.

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

10. Adjournment at 9:11 a.m.