

Mining & Communities
Northern Nevada Partnerships-Elko
April 13th Meeting, 12-2pm
Great Basin College – Berg Conference Hall

AGENDA

1. Introductions were made with these people in attendance:

Dirk van Zyl
Ann Carpenter
Cash Minor
Chris J. Johnson
Nancy Sheffield-Trujillo
Helen Hankins
Sheri Eklund Brown
Paul Killpatrick
Hugh Stevens, Te-mok Tribal Chairman stevens@elko.nv.com
Bill Upton
Michele Gonzales
Jim Collord
Dan Johnson

2. Approval of minutes - minutes from last meeting were accepted with revisions (offered during the meeting). Motion by Nancy, seconded by Dirk, approved by all.

(Add Charter discussion to today's Agenda)

In reviewing the minutes, a suggestion was made to ensure that at each meeting the people in attendance are listed.

3. USDA update on grants and initiatives.

- A. Carpenter shared a summary provided by Jeneane Harter - her perspectives from the recent Rural Nevada (north) Renewable Energy Workshop.

- There is a need for communities to develop a master plan.

- Jeneane suggests that an interagency coalition (USDA, NSOE, NBMG, REEEF taskforce, others) can help communities develop a Plan. Eureka is looking to this group to help them. Look at existing community/ county master plan and make adjustments based on community input and desires.

- Dan Johnson USDA suggests that NV needs a project, and wants to see communities get one going. He is there to help, to ramp this forward.

4. Computer Corps Update - Nancy S-T indicated that their original contact had left Computer Corp, so the project was stalled.

Dan Johnson suggested that the project should not be considered stalled, that Nancy-Paul should contact the new guy in charge (NAME?); Dan still thinks this is a viable, fundable project - and it has the ever important 'education' connection. **ON-GOING ITEMS**

5. Website - Dirk indicated he had not carried forth with this but was committed to do so now. He will develop a new site via UNR mines site, with NNP-E group's own page. Will solicit others to establish links to the Mining & Communities site - MLC, GBC, NNSG, NvMA, WMC, BLM, others. He will work with Danny to get this going. Will look at adding Battle Mnt. Bugle, Elko Daily Free Press, other local publications – articles and links, and url ... **ON-GOING ITEMS**

6. Mining Inventory Assessment

Dirk committed to advancing this; Jim C. suggested asking NvMA to provide information based on a template questionnaire. Whitehall template might be useful. **ON-GOING ITEMS**

7. Old Business – from February 10th meeting:

ITEMS 2. Adopt a Charter and 3. Whitehall, MT and Rawhide Group examples – were delayed to a later time during today's meeting when the Charter is to be discussed and evolved.

ON-GOING ITEMS from Feb. 10th Meeting

A. Inviting Rural Communities – Mary Korpi is advancing.

B. Inviting Government Agencies

- make corrections/ additions - David Stout and Helen Hankins, both from BLM.

- Add Helen Hankins to email list.

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C. Profile of Mines – no action; move to next meeting

D. Adopted the name – Northern Nevada Partnerships-Elko

E. Webpage – no action - move to next meeting - June 9

OLD BUSINESS – carried over from Feb 10th meeting

Cash Minor, County Staff, gave a presentation on net proceeds, called “Mining & Communities – County Impacts”, illustrating the volatility to budgets, income to county. (Attach a copy to the minutes for the files). Cash suggested he is willing to share this with other counties, on websites, etc.

Group asked “how we can use this data?” General consensus was that the counties needed to see this, and Cash is willing to share. This may help to develop better spending policies; need to invest more of these funds into other business opportunities. The Flambeau Mine, WI was illustrated - \$7M mining investment into the community was leveraged by the community into a longer-term, more diverse business base -- from 70 mining-related jobs to +/- 500 non-mining jobs. Group agreed the need is to diversify business base, not just see mining revenue as salary paying mechanism.

- Nancy- Elko doesn't generate enough business for suppliers to the mines to justify building a plant near Elko.
- Ecklund Brown Carlin Industrial Park used for mining when mining leaves can be used for other companies.

GENERAL DISCUSSIONS:

Then the conversations evolved into these areas:

- Shoshone lands and lawsuit, royalty issues
- Permitting help, with mine representatives sharing these points:
 - County can and should play a role.
 - Possibility of developing a Mining Board
 - Get County to be an 'intervener' in lawsuits
 - Need for National Environmental Policy Act modernization; this has become a very litigious process, one that needs to be modernized to address changing needs. Environmental Assessments, Environmental Impact Studies, public hearings, appeals, permits, etc. are all a part of the overall process.
 - County should get involved with BLM in programmatic analysis
 - look at Winnemucca to Elko (Northern Nevada) corridor to do this.
 - in the process/ analysis review 'closure' options, and describe need for flexibility
- Privatization of BLM-mine site lands to help with business/ industry diversification. To soften the Bust cycle, and focus on investing monies earned from mining back into the community to attract non-mining related jobs and businesses.
- Helen-oil, gas, and geothermal Battle Mt. Programmatic EIS.
- Dirk-Hodge suggested turning phased out mining properties into big movie studio lots.
- Develop an Annual NNP-E Strategic Plan ... Dirk and Ann will research what others are doing and share with the group to consider. **ON-GOING ITEMS**
- Bill Upton and Ann Carpenter - research Wind Energy Generation Contractors as possible guest speakers at near-future meeting **ON-GOING ITEMS**
- Dan Johnson and Helen Hankins will develop a presentation on who is doing what and where, advancing wind power generation in NV **ON-GOING ITEMS**

8. New Business

ADD-ON AGENDA ITEM CHARTER DISCUSSIONS

Dirk van Zyl led a discussion using the Draft Charter from two meetings ago to evolve these into something the group could endorse. He took all the notes on this discussion, and will provide the group with an updated charter for review. Based on these discussions and how the Charter will ultimately evolve, he will develop a Mission Statement for the group to review. These reviews will be conducted via email. **ON-GOING ITEM**

Dr. Paul mentioned the Ely - White Pine Proud. Investment opportunity, template to learn from, etc. Shares are \$500.

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9. Next Meeting

June 9, 2-4pm

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Possible Agenda Items

- Charter with Mission Statement discussion and finalization – Dirk van Zyl.
- Annual NNP-E Strategic Plan ... Develop and discuss.
 - Nancy S-T -- Guest speaker, giving an overview of the ECEDA Strategic Plan to help the group develop NNP-E Strategic Plan (annual goals, etc.)
- Wind Energy Generation Update
 - Possible speakers - Bill Upton and Ann Carpenter
 - Dan Johnson and Helen Hankins - presentation on who is doing what where to advance wind power generation.
 - Dan Johnson – Report on the Renewable Energy Workshop
- Website update – Danny and Dirk
- Update on the Mines Profile – Dirk and Mary
- Update on other community groups

Other Possible Topics for the Meetings.

Suggestions for ‘returning topics’ for each of the meetings into the future:

- Brief updates from each of the mines, companies in attendance as to what they are doing – so that the community can hear what is going on, which will likely generate more conversations and possible business relations.
- As several commented (Chris J, Nancy, Sherri, others) they have been learning a lot about the mines, processes, hurdles; learning more about the BLM, to better form partnerships; whole process of mines-BLM-county. Several in the group indicated that they see the group as a clearing house of ideas, questions, concerns, etc.

Cash Minor offered to develop another presentation to get people stirred up and conversing!!! FUTURE MEEETING SPEAKER