

Northern Nevada Partnerships - Elko Group
February 10, 2004 Meeting

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of December Meeting Minutes
2. Adopt a Charter
 - a. Accept the draft provided by Dirk van Zyl; under review with Dirk leading an email discussion with the group. Comments and concerns from this email effort will result in a 'final' draft to be reviewed and approved at next meeting.
 - b. Group also asked that Dirk weave a Mission Statement into this draft, for the group to be able to review in the email exchange.
 - c. Will be submitted to Danny G (GBC) for distribution
3. Bill and Ann shared other group dynamics, Whitehall and Rawhide, respectively.
 - a. Ann also shared some information on Flambeau, from the Kennecott Minerals website. Some detail in the write-up might assist Elko Group in understanding how this community leveraged mining-related revenue into a longer-term investment in the community.

ACTION ITEMS FROM December MEETING

1. Inviting rural communities
 - a. Mary Korpi has initiated outreach in Lovelock.
 - b. Mary to initiate outreach in Winnemucca.
 - c. Lander County group has been formed, with the Yucca Mountain Proposed Rail Corridor and mining-related issues providing the incentive. Ann Carpenter is the point person, currently.
2. Inviting government agencies
 - a. Sherri and Mary were successful in getting BLM representative to participate – *what was his name??*
3. Profile of Mines
 - a. Deferred to April meeting
 - b. Dirk is still the lead.
4. Need for a name
 - a. Missed the Jan. 31st date; group rallied and accepted:
 - i. Northern Nevada Partnerships – Elko
5. Webpage
 - a. Group continues to support posting information, minutes, reports on two websites – MLC and GBC.

- b. Dirk and Danny to work out the details, and unveil to the group at the April meeting – websites, links, what is posted, etc..
- 6. Media outreach.
 - a. Adella was in attendance, and did an article for the Elko Daily Freepress.
 - b. Paul and Chris – past meeting it was agreed that they would jointly do an article for the paper, for distribution to various regional papers. Maybe radio interviews.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Grant opportunities
 - a. Daniel Johnson – USDA
 - i. Dan discussed some Farm Bill related grants available for renewable energy projects in rural communities
 - 1. *Detail?*
 - 2. May Timeline seemed a bit quick for the group; group wants to review opportunities for a ‘next-year’ submission.
 - ii. Dan also discussed other granting mechanisms
 - 1. *Detail?*
 - b. Ann introduced other granting mechanisms – some tied to renewable energy, some not:
 - i. USFS has grants, not always tied to renewable energy – Tom Baker
 - ii. State Office of Energy – Pete Konesky
 - iii. Nevada Communities on Economic Development – Mike Stoner
- 2. Computer Corps
 - a. Paul summarized a trip he and Nancy made to ComputerCorps in Carson City. Paul committed (with Nancy) to produce a business plan to present to the group at the next meeting, of what this might mean in Elko area.
 - b. Dan Johnson, USDA, indicated support for the concept from his department, as USDA helped the Carson City office with a grant.
- 3. Land Reclamation
 - a. Gary Sundseth GBC Ag Faculty.
 - i. Summarized what his department can offer – students into internships, studies and research, etc.
 - ii. Spoke about noxious weed and fire species suppression – mechanisms using sheep/animals, and how this is advancing.
 - iii. Kent McAdoo is assisting.
- 4. Sherri E-B had invited Cash Minor(?) CFO for Elko to talk about what mining injects into the community. After listening to the group and seeing the Flambeau data, he deferred discussion until next meeting, so that he can compile better, more complete data.

POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

1. Deferred business from above ...
2. Jeneane Harter – discussing renewable energy, business opportunities evolving in the Great Basin, and other related ideas.
3. Wind Companies
 - a. Bill Upton will invite Navitas, the company developing a project at the Goldensunlight Mine in MT.
 - b. Ann will invite others (input from Rawhide, Jeneane, Pete Konesky)

Next meeting: April 13, 2004

Noon to 3pm+ meeting time. Need to arrange lunch – delivery and payment (shared between industries??)