

**MINUTES**  
**LINCOLN COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (LCRDA)**  
**September 19, 2016**  
**Caliente City Hall**  
**Caliente, Nevada**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hurd at 4:35pm.

**Determination of Quorum:** The following Board members were present at the meeting:

Mr. Dave Hurd  
Mr. Jay Schofield  
Mr. Cody Christensen  
Commissioner Varlin Higbee  
Mayor Stana Hurlburt

It was determined that a quorum of the Authority was present at the meeting.

Also participating in the meeting was Dr. Mike Baughman, LCRDA Executive Director and Mr. Ken Dixon.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Discussion and Action on Minutes of August 15, 2016 Meeting:** Mr. Hurd noted the need for a minor editorial change to Page 5 of the draft minutes. Following review of the draft minutes, Mayor Hurlburt moved and Mr. Schofield seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2016 LCRDA meeting, as amended. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Discussion and Action on Financial Matters:** Dr. Baughman reviewed the September 8, 2016 financial report. Through September 8, 2016 total revenues were \$104,020.05. He reported that he had gone before the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners today asking that the County identify a source to fund the \$10,000.00 to LCRDA approved in the FY 17 County Budget and that the Commission deferred a decision in order to identify said funding source. He suggested that a decision by the Commission might be further delayed until final passage of HR 1815 by the Congress which would provide the County with an alternative source of funding LCRDA. Mayor Hurlburt noted that the Caliente City Council had approved provision of \$1,000 to LCRDA anticipated in the Authority's FY 17 budget.

Dr. Baughman reported that expenditures through September 8, 2016 include an invoice from Intertech Services Corporation for Executive Director services during the period July 31, 2016 through September 3, 2016 in the amount of \$4,903.91 bringing the total expenditure for Executive Director for the fiscal year to \$8,543.91. Total expenditures through September 8, 2016 were \$9,743.91.

Mr. Schofield moved and Mayor Hurlburt seconded a motion to accept the September 8, 2016 LCRDA financial report and to approve payment of the September 8, 2016 invoice from Intertech in the amount of \$4,903.91. The motion was approved by all.

**Discussion and Action on Industry Attraction and Marketing Initiatives:** Dr. Baughman reported that the International Biomass Conference had been scheduled for mid-April 2017 in Minneapolis. He noted that speakers at the conference were offered a 50 percent discount on conference registration costs. Dr. Baughman observed that he had spoken at the conference three years ago and that given the new information obtained by LCRDA regarding the availability and chemical characteristics of Lincoln County-derived PJ biomass it may be possible to submit a proposal to speak again at the conference. Mr. Christensen moved to have Dr. Baughman submit an abstract to the Conference. The motion was seconded by Mayor Hurlburt and approved by all.

Mr. Schofield suggested that if Dr. Baughman attended the International Biomass Conference in Minneapolis that he arrange to tour the municipal solid waste to energy project located in downtown Minneapolis.

Dr. Baughman reviewed various call center related trade shows he had identified. He noted that the costs of registration for most of these conferences ranged in the \$2,000 to \$3,000. Board members reacted with concern over this seemingly excessive cost.

Next, Dr. Baughman described the International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) annual conference to be held November 10-12, 2016 in Bentonville, Arkansas. He noted that various panel sessions might be of value to the City of Caliente and Lincoln County as they work to provide community amenities and services to support the planned growth in mountain biking tourism in the area. Mayor Hurlburt observed that this would be an excellent conference for LCRDA to attend. Mayor Hurlburt moved and Commissioner Higbee seconded a motion to have Dr. Baughman attend the 2016 IMBA annual conference. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Higbee asked whether there were trade shows relating to the mining industry as he would like LCRDA to try to attract mining activity to Lincoln County. Dr. Baughman indicated he would contact representatives of the Nevada Mining Association, Newmont Gold and Barrick Gold to discuss ways in which mining in Lincoln County might be promoted. He observed that most mining related industrial attraction which occurs in the Elko area is focused on mining support companies. He further noted that companies like Newmont and Barrick are developing and expanding mining projects in the Elko area due to the existing mining support capacity in the region.

Mayor Hurlburt noted that a closed mining project in Clark County had recently resumed operations. Mr. Schofield expressed his belief that the historic Delmar mining district area has the potential for additional mining.

**Discussion and Action on Building Lincoln County Revolving Micro Loans:** Dr. Baughman reviewed the current summary of micro loan payments noting that Mr. Karl Volk was delinquent on making payments on his restructured loan. He observed that Mr. Volk has only two payments of \$321.04 remaining to pay off his loan. He reported that to date, total loan payments, including principal, interest and late fees were \$58,582.70 and that total funds loaned had been \$78,500.00.

Dr. Baughman noted that Clark County Collection Services had reported they had reached a repayment agreement with Mr. Cortez in an amount similar to what LCRDA would have obtained from Mr. Cortez under the most recent loan restructure offer by LCRDA. However, since agreeing to the Clark County Collections offer, Mr. Cortez has not made any payments and has not been in contact with Clark County Collection Services. The firm is in contact with other LCRDA micro loan borrowers but has not negotiated any repayment plans with said borrowers.

**Update on Industrial Clients:** Dr. Baughman discussed his continuing coordination with Enerparc regarding their proposed solar project in the Rachel area. He noted that the firm was discussing with Valley Electric the potential of providing energy to that group which in turn will be providing energy to the USAF Groom Lake Operating Area. He also noted that the firm believes it can provide solar energy at 4 cents per kwh and plans to contact the Lincoln County Power District #1 about selling electrical energy to the District.

Dr. Baughman also reported that he was in continuing conversations with representatives of Estuary Capital Partners whom he had referred to Emilia Cargill of Coyote Springs regarding a possible site for solar energy development. He noted representatives of Estuary had met with Coyote Springs staff and Estuary is considering if the Coyote Springs property would be a good project location for one of their projects.

Next, Dr. Baughman reported on his work with FRAM Renewable Fuels staff to arrange a tour of Lincoln County and meetings with BLM and local elected and appointed officials for mid-November. The company is interested in investigating building and operating an industrial pellet mill in Lincoln County using pinyon and juniper biomass as a feedstock. The pellets would be shipped via rail to the Port of Los Angeles and exported to Asia.

Dr. Baughman and Mr. Hurd discussed their presentation earlier in the day to the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners regarding the Waste to Energy Service District being proposed by VanNatta Worldwide (Pegasus Energy). Mr. Hurd reported that the Commission had unanimously approved the related Service Plan in concept and proceeding with the process described in NRS 308 for establishing such a district.

In response to a question from Mr. Hurd, Dr. Baughman reported on his continuing coordination with representatives of AEG Coalswitch; Bill Strauss of Future Metrics; Encompass Biomass; BioCompactor; E2G; and Biogas2.

**Update on Board of Lincoln County Commissioners Appointment of LCRDA Director –** Dr. Baughman reported that earlier in the day the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners had appointed Ms. Emilia Cargill as a new LCRDA Director to replace Carl Pyatt.

**Board Member Reports:** Mayor Hurlburt reported that Patrick Kell of IMBA was organizing a meeting in Caliente October 24-26, 2016 to discuss progress in developing the mountain bike trails in the Caliente area. Mayor Hurlburt also noted that an organizational meeting of a proposed Lincoln County Coalition was being held on October 25, 2016. The intent of this group is to coordinate the related activities of the various volunteer groups working throughout Lincoln County. Finally, Mayor Hurlburt reported that a free mental health first aid training was being planned for Caliente on October 12-13, 2016.

Mr. Hurd distributed a letter from Marcia Hurd of LCAT in which the group is seeking financial assistance from LCRDA in funding a coordinated marketing initiative for Lincoln County. Mr. Hurd suggested that this item be included on the agenda for the next LCRDA meeting.

In response to a question from Mr. Hurd, Dr. Baughman reported on assistance information he had provided to representatives of the Lincoln County Telephone System and the Lincoln County Water District regarding CDBG funding for a telecommunications tower in Caliente and a water line serving the Alamo Airport, respectively.

Mr. Hurd reported that he had heard that Family Dollar was in the process of purchasing a site along U.S. 93 at mile marker 118.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting of the LCRDA Board of Directors will be held via teleconference on October 17, 2016 at 4:30pm. In addition, the Board elected to meet again on November 14, 2016 at the Caliente City Hall at 4:30pm.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the Authority the meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.