

ELKO CONVENTION & VISITORS AUTHORITY  
**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**  
THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2008  
ELKO CONVENTION CENTER  
CEDAR ROOM  
8:00 A.M.

**1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. by Board Vice-Chairman, Charlie Myers. Board Chairman, Dave Huckaby was not present at the meeting.

**2. Roll call**

ECVA Board Present: Charlie Myers  
Ruben Abeyta  
Gary Morfin  
Jay Elquist

ECVA Staff Present: Don Newman, Executive Director  
Cathie Horn, Marketing & Events Manager  
Delynn Jones, Comptroller  
Mike Benzie, Facility Manager  
Juli Nelson, Graphics/Administrative Assistant

**3. Public Comments- Non- Action Item**

**Pursuant to N.R.S 241.020, 2(c) (3), this time is devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item on the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified to be an action item.**

No public comment were made at this time.

**4. OLD BUSINESS:**

4A-0515-08 Final approval of the ECVA 2008/2009 Tentative Budget as required by the State of Nevada Department of Taxation

Don Newman explained that the purpose of this meeting was to do the final approval of the ECVA 2008/2009 Tentative Budget and presented copies of the tentative budget which was approved in the ECVA Special Board Meeting on April 10, 2008. He further pointed out that the only change to the budget was made to the Capital Funds where airport funding was switched to a contingency fund.

Delynn Jones pointed out that the seal coat expenditure located under Capital Improvements will change due to an increase in price but \$10,000 in surplus has been set aside for that increase.

Jay Elquist asked if the ECVA has funds set aside in case air service is established to Elko in the future and funding is requested.

Don Newman stated that funds are available which can be switched back to an airport funding account.

Gary Morfin asked if the room tax revenue collected was used to help bring in an airline to Elko.

Don Newman explained that 1% of the room tax revenue collected went toward airport debt and not toward locating an airline to provide air service to Elko. He further explained that the remainder of the room tax revenue collected went into capital funds.

Don Newman stated that the rise in gas prices is a threat to the Elko area and to the ECVA Marketing Plan.

Ruben Abeyta stated that in talking with the KOA Campground in Ely that they are experiencing longer stays instead of no traveling because of the rise in gas prices.

Further discussion on the effects of high gas prices took place at this time.

***Ruben Abeyta made a motion to approve the ECVA 2008/2009 Tentative Budget as required by the State of Nevada Department of Taxation. Gary Morfin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

## **5. Board Comments**

Delynn Jones inquired if funds are moved from an ECVA savings account into a ECVA checking account if that action needs to be approved by the Board of Directors.

Charlie Myers suggested making an agenda item for the next Board meeting to make a policy to support moving funds in this manner thus eliminating the need for Board approval every time funds are transferred.

A discussion on the electrical contractor for the Elko Mining Expo took place at this time.

## **6. Adjournment**

***Jay Elquist made a motion to adjourn the May 15, 2008 Special Board Meeting.. Ruben Abeyta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 a.m.