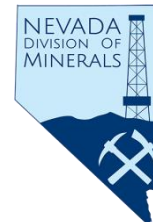




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Thursday, August 1, 2024

1:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Commission	Staff	Public
Josh Nordquist	Robert Ghiglieri	Alex Tanchek
Art Henderson	Rebecca Tims	Katie Neddenviep
Bob Felder	Nicole Ting, DAG via Zoom	Steven Boyce
Randy Griffin via Zoom	Garrett Wake	Landon Truesdale
Nigel Bain	Sean Derby	Justin Luna
Mary Korpi	Lucia Patterson	Lieselk
Stephanie Hallinan		

CALL TO ORDER

1:00 PM by Josh Nordquist

Roll Call

All commissioners were present with the exception of Randy Griffin.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Josh Nordquist

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

None

I. AGENDA

A. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by: Mary Korpi

Seconded by: Nigel Bain

Unanimously approved

II. Minutes

A. Approval of the meeting minutes from the May 16, 2024, meeting

Motion to approve the minutes made by: Nigel Bain

Seconded by: Stephanie Hallinan

Unanimously approved

III. **New Business**

A. **Review of Lithium Supply and Battery Raw Materials Conference**

Garrett Wake did a presentation on the Lithium supply and battery conference held in Las Vegas

B. **2023 Nevada Mining Statistics**

Lucia Patterson presented on a new application

Rob Ghiglieri: To add to that, yesterday at the Sagebrush eco system council, the director of agriculture, JJ also emphasized the importance of what Lucia is being able to do by maps and how the other State agencies are using her maps for data information including sage grouse, solar, and everything else so she's well known within the state for resources as well as the governor's office.

Lucia Patterson: Thank you.

Stephanie Hallinan: I like it, Lucia. If I need something to educate or just have something to give to mining companies or our employees, I know this website is what I will go to.

Rob Ghiglieri: Although this year's total dollar amount was slightly above, you notice the general train of actual production has been down. So, the commodity prices are definitely helping at the moment, but we are seeing the slow decline with not just oil but a lot of other commodities as well. But with oil, there is the potential of a land sale. This is going to be really helpful for having it all in one place.

C. **NDOM Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget Proposal**

Garrett Wake and Rob Ghiglieri presented the NDOM 2026/2027 Budget Proposal

Josh Nordquist: Is AB346 able to go on a category-by-category basis?

Rob Ghiglieri: Yes, as Garret was mentioning, there is a lot of figuring it out as they go. ASD is also trying to figure out the intent of the language as well. It's pretty consistent now that it seems that whatever one is more realistic so if it was your actuals or a work program authority, then you will be able to move forward. Which is good, right? It's going to put money back in to reserves instead of people buying a whole bunch of supplies at the end of the fiscal year just to keep their budget up.

Garrett Wake: Commissioner Nordquist, it has always been on a category-by-category basis. What we show on the revenue side is GL's and subcategories so that we really only have to do one work program for revenue. Whereas with expenditures, it's every single category.

Josh Nordquist: I understand there's flexibility in that and we won't know until those years come, but going forward should we present a balanced budget?

Rob Ghiglieri: That is up to the commission. So, if we were to do that, we would reduce the starting in 39 and 42 would be the first things we would reduce. The benefit of us doing it this way is if there is additional revenue we won't have to do a work program to increase our spending authority which can take anywhere from 2 to 4 months depending on when IFC is meeting, and we approach that deadline. I see a benefit of keeping it this way.

Josh Nordquist: How has it worked in the past? Has there been any pushback on a balanced budget?

Rob Ghiglieri: As long as you show that you have the reserves to show that difference, which we do at the moment. Garrett will go over our reserves on the next slide.

Nigel Bain: Do you think you have crosshairs on it?

Rob Ghiglieri: No, there is a surplus in general funds to the amount of gaming revenue. There has been a lot of conversations at the legislature to what we can do to help the agencies that have been trying to get a project done for a long time but what can you do. So, budget-wise the State of Nevada is very good at the moment. It took us awhile to come out of the pandemic, but once we did, we exploded. The new entertainment fee tax generated a significant amount of revenue.

Motion to approve the Budget: Mary Korpi

Seconded By: Bob Felder

Unanimously approved

D. Agency Language Access Plan

Garrett Wake updated the commission on the new Language Access Plan

Mary Korpi: Do we have anyone on staff that is bilingual?

Rob Ghiglieri: No

Arthur Henderson: What is the official language of the state of Nevada?

Rob Ghiglieri: English

Arthur Henderson: Then I say we keep it at that

Rob Ghiglieri: I know the BLM in Arizona and New Mexico do dual language signs for abandoned mines.

Garrett Wake: Also, on our signs there are universal symbols as well that state this is a hazard.

Robert Ghiglieri: In this bill it says in order to provide translated priority materials to the public in alternative language, if found to be needed. At the moment, we haven't found that need. I remember going through this with Mike about two years ago, and we identified two brochures that can be potentially looked at.

Arthur Henderson: And no requests so far?

Robert Ghiglieri: No requests so far

Arthur Henderson: We have a plan in place if there is a request?

Rob Ghiglieri: Yes

E. Employee Classification Study

Rob Ghiglieri provided an update on the State of Nevada Employee Classification Study

IV. Old Business

A. Update on AML Jimmy King Ad Campaign

Sean Derby provided the commission with an update on the AML Jimmy King ad campaign

Nigel Bain: How are you getting the demographics?

Sean Derby: When you go to a webpage and you accept cookies, a profile is being built. Information is being taken from the user to build the demographics.

Mary Korpi: We watch tv together at the end of the day, the Smithsonian had an episode called how do you fix that regarding mining that included Sean Derby and Rob Ghiglieri. We were questioning at first if this was going to be good or not, it was very well done.

Rob Ghiglieri: Thank you very much for that. This dates back to the Jimmy King too because it was a media group out of Canada.

Sean Derby: So administrative mines Ontario reached out to us because they wanted to share this on their website. The Smithsonian channels production team is all based in Toronto. They saw this and then reached out to us and said, "hey we want to do a show on how do you fix this problem" and so we started a discussion with them back in January. We got NDOW together and we worked for awhile to get all the pieces together. We got approvals from MTS, but it took a lot of partners to bring in the cultural aspect of the legal work that we have done. That this is a biological issue, that this is a safety issue, an environmental issue so we got the Smithsonian to come in and recognize all those pieces and to include all of that in this episode. We went through two rounds of edits, and it was a long process, but I think in the end it turned out to be a really cool project.

B. NDOM Open Data Site Review

Lucia Patterson presented the NDOM open data site to the commission

C. Update on NDOM 2025 Legislative Session BDRs

Rob Ghiglieri updated the commission on the 2025 Legislative Session BDR's

D. NDOM Contract Updates

Garrett Wake presented an update on current NDOM contracts

E. Administrator Report

Rob Ghiglieri provided the commission with Administrator updates

V. Commission Business

- A. Correspondence to the Commission
- B. Review of Staff Monthly Activity Reports
- C. Future Agenda Items

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

None

ADJOURNMENT

3:58 pm

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