

WINNEMUCCA CONVENTION & VISITORS AUTHORITY
Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting
April 15, 2026
Winnemucca Convention Center
50 West Winnemucca Boulevard
Winnemucca, Nevada 89445

The meeting was held at the date and place described above at the time scheduled on the posted meeting notice and agenda. The attendees in-person and via remote technology and absences were as follows:

Convention and Visitors Authority Board Officials Present:

Brian Stone, in-person	Chair and Hotel Representative
Terry Boyle, via remote technology (3:11 pm)	Motel Representative
Theresa Mavity, in-person	City Representative
Melissa Munro, in-person	Business Representative
Kent Maher, in-person	Board Counsel

Convention and Visitors Authority Board Officials Absent:

Abram Swensen	Board Administrator
Jesse Hill	County Representative

Staff Members Present:

Mike Mieras, in-person	WCVA Director
Shanna Dangel, in-person	Administrative Clerk

Staff Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Megan Maga, in person	Lowry High School Softball and Baseball
Krissy Burchette, in person	Winnemucca Host Lions Club
Josh Burchette, in person	Winnemucca Host Lions Club
Jake Rorex, in person	Sober Grad Party Parent Committee
Jacklyn Orr, in person	Winnemucca Murals and Music
Eric Brooks, via remote technology	Winnemucca Murals and Music
Jacy Anderson, in person	WCVA Marketing and Sales Coordinator

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, CALL TO ORDER, ROLL, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm, the board members in attendance constituted a quorum.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

3. MEETING NOTICE REPORT

Chair Stone reported that the meeting notice and agenda were posted by staff prior to 9:00 am Friday April 10, 2026, at the Convention Center East Hall, the Convention Center West Hall (the place of the meeting), online at notice.nv.gov, online at winnemucca.com, and online at humboldtcountynv.gov. No persons have requested mailed notice during the past six months.

No action taken.

4. BUSINESS IMPACT DETERMINATION

After review and consideration of the effect each item could potentially have on a "business," as the term is defined by statute, the board agreed there is no impact.

Melissa Munro moved to make a finding that no item on the agenda appears to impose a direct and significant economic burden on a business or to directly restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of a business. Motion carried, 3-0 (Stone, Mavity, Munro).

5. CLAIMS REVIEW

The following claims were submitted in list form to the board members with the meeting notice and agenda; there was the opportunity to review and obtain further information before or at the meeting:

<u>BANK ACCOUNT</u>	<u>CHECK NUMBERS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Nevada State Bank	28659-28778	\$443,915.75

Chair Stone moved to approve all claims submitted for April 17, 2026. Motion carried, 3-0.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1) Accommodation Tax 9-month refund requests as follows:) Accommodation Tax 9-month refund requests are as follows: Barnes (\$591.04), DeVine (\$623), Frost (\$756), Johnson (\$352.22), Moore (\$656), Perkins (\$1408), and Thomason (\$868).

6.2) WCVA meeting minutes March 25, 2026.

Melissa Munro moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Motion carried, 3-0.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1) Megan Maga, Lowry High School Softball and Baseball, 2026 JV Softball and Baseball Icebreaker Tournament, February 27-28, 2026, Cooperative Funding grant request \$5,500.

Megan Maga presented the request for Lowry High School Softball and Baseball. The event was held in February 2026 and catered mostly to juniors on the team. 11 teams and over 500 people attended. The Cooperative Funds will be used to cover the cost of umpires.

Theresa Mavity moved to approve the Cooperative Funding grant request to Lowry High School Softball for \$5,500. Motion carried. 3-0.

7.2) Krissy Burchette, District 46 Lions, District 46 Lions Officer Training, May 17, 2026, Cooperative Funding facility fee request West Hall (all) \$800.

Krissy and Josh Burchette presented the request for Lions Club District 46 meeting and training which will be held in May and is attended by members from northern Nevada and California. Burchette is expecting 30–100 attendees at the event which will be held in the West Hall of the Convention Center.

Melissa Munro moved to approve the Cooperative Funding facility fee request for use of the West Hall not to exceed \$800. Motion carried 4-0 (Stone, Boyle, Mavity, Munro).

7.3) Natalie Maher, McDermitt Community Inc., McDermitt Ranch Rodeo, July 4-5, 2026, Cooperative Funding grant request \$5,000.

No representative was present at the meeting. Chair Stone noted that the Board has been supporting this small community event for many years.

Theresa Mavity moved to approve the Cooperative Funding grant for \$5,000 for the McDermitt Ranch Rodeo. Motion carried 4-0.

7.4) Heather Rorex, Sober Grad Party Parent Committee, Lowry Sober Grad Party 2026, June 4, 2026, Cooperative Funding grant request \$4,000, Cooperative Funding facility fee request Exhibit Hall \$800.

Jake Rorex presented the request from the Lowry Parents Committee for Sober Graduation Party. The Senior Class decided to hold the event at the Boys and Girls Club for 2026, making the request for a Cooperative Funding grant only. The funds received will be used for prizes, entertainment, and food. This event has been successful in keeping graduates safe on graduation night.

Theresa Mavity moved to approve the request for a \$4,000 Cooperative Funding grant to support the 2026 Sober Graduation Party. Motion carried 4-0.

7.5) Jacklyn Orr/Michelle Hammond-Allen, Nevada 95-80 RDA, Winnemucca Murals and Music 2026, May 28-30, 2026, request for approval to paint a mural on the East Hall of the Convention Center.

Jacklyn Orr and Jacy Anderson on behalf of the murals and music group presented the request for approval to paint murals on the East Hall and parking lot wall at the Convention Center. Eric Brooks was present via remote technology. The group is expecting the completion of 20-30 murals this year. Concept photographs of the proposed murals were presented for Board consideration, consisting of a picture of a steam engine with cars for the parking lot and a rodeo photo with the old Star Casino for the East Hall. Chair Stone questioned how much public access there is to the parking lot area. Anderson advised there is typically always access to the area. Melissa Munro inquired about the areas being targeted for graffiti. Staff explained that graffiti on the building has not been an issue in the past.

Chair Stone moved to approve the request to paint two murals on the East Hall and parking lot wall during the 2026 Murals and Music event. Motion carried 4-0.

7.6) Michelle Miller, Winnemucca Main Street, Cooperative Funding grant request \$20,000.

Michelle Miller, Winnemucca Main Street representative, presented the request and reported on the various events the non-profit group is involved with, including the Music and Murals project, chili cook-off, the Community Garden, Tidy-up Winnemucca, tree lighting, community dances and the small business entrepreneur project, which provides support with planning, licensing, and collaboration with local government entities to individuals desiring to start their own businesses. The organization is requesting \$20,000 for administrative costs to assist with an Uber/Lyft education program. Miller stated her opinion that the request is similar to the WCVA support for the Humboldt County Chamber of Commerce. The hope of the group is to recruit at least 20 drivers, which they feel should not be a problem. Having an Uber program in town will satisfy visitor needs and provide transportation for local individuals without vehicles or the ability to drive. Funds will also be used to set up and maintain a website. Chair Stone asked if this will be an annual request for funding. Miller responded yes, it may be an annual request.

Board member Munro disclosed that she will be abstaining from any vote due to being on the Winnemucca Main Street board.

The Board acknowledged there may be a need for public transportation in Winnemucca and questioned the request and whether it is appropriate to fund administrative costs. Miller said that without an administrative person to move things forward with the website and support the Uber/Lyft program will have difficulty being successful. Board member Mavity acknowledged that this was an unusual request and the board members agreed that they would not be able to support the request for funds by Winnemucca Main Street at this time but encouraged submission of a revised request for consideration at a future meeting.

No action taken.

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7.7) Quincy Warner, Summer Spectacular, August 14-16, 2026, Cooperative Funding facility fee request Winnemucca Event Center \$8,000.

Director Mieras explained the event organizer was still working the details for the event and suggested the item be tabled.

Chair Stone tabled the item.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Mieras reported that the WCVA will be hosting a Food Truck Thursday event for the community beginning mid-May and continuing through the end of August. The WCVA will be providing sani-huts, trash removal and picnic tables. The food truck vendors will be required to pay a flat \$75 fee for participation weekly in the event. Entertainment at the Thursday night events may be an option down the line.

8.1) Director Mieras explained that funding requests to the board include some requests which are questionable whether they are consistent with the authorized powers and duties of the board and suggested there needs to be discussion regarding the processes for allocating funding and the cooperative funding applications which includes vetting applications to ensure that they meet the requirements for funding before the item is placed on an agenda for board consideration. The board requested that information be provided which details the purposes of the funding that has been committed from the application requests.

8.2) Director Mieras provided an update on the 2026 Ranch Hand Rodeo which was held at the end of February. Entries for the rodeo and horse sale were up from the previous year. Expenses for advertising and office/administration were down allowing for more profit in 2026 than in 2025. Mieras is working with staff to build the Winnemucca Ranch Hand Rodeo back up to the level it was at 10 to 15 years ago. Overall, the event was a success.

9. COUNSEL REPORT

No report.

10. BOARD ADMINISTRATOR FINANCIAL REPORTS

No report

11. OTHER REPORTS

No report.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stone moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:08 pm. Motion carried, 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna Dangel
Administrative Clerk

APPROVED: June 17, 2026

VOTE: WINNEMUCCA CONVENTION & VISITORS AUTHORITY BOARD

AYES: Stone, Boyle, Mavity, Hill, Munro

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Brian Stone, Chair



Shanna Dangel, Administrative Clerk