

## NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACO)

Board of Directors' Meeting  
December 17, 2021, 9:30am  
NACO Conference Room  
304 S. Minnesota Street  
Carson City, NV 89703

### ADOPTED MINUTES

**ATTENDANCE:** President Kirkpatrick, President Elect Lucey, Vice President Higbee, Carson City Supervisor Giomi, Douglas County Commissioner Gardner, Elko County Commissioner Steninger, Esmeralda County Commissioner Keyes, Eureka County Commissioner Goicoechea, Lincoln County Commissioner Lister, Lyon County Commissioner Keller, Mineral County Commissioner Hall, Nye County Commissioner Strickland, Storey County Commissioner Gilman, Fiscal Officer Kalt, Pam Delporto, Nevada Sheriffs and Chiefs Association; Lynn Goya, Nevada Association of County Clerks and Election Officials; and NACO Staff (Vinson Guthreau and Amanda Evans)

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 am.

1. **Public Comment.** None was given.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** The agenda was approved on a motion by Vice President Higbee with second by Commissioner Hall.
3. **NACO President's Report.** President Kirkpatrick discussed the importance of the Extension Advisory Committee, the need to highlight the work Extension does across the State, and the need to educate urban legislators on the program. She suggested the Board consider a working group to discuss those efforts. President Kirkpatrick also informed the Board that she has been working on issues surrounding childcare and the vast amount of dollars available to support families and providers. President Elect Lucey stated that he is willing to work on both issues, noting that he had recently met with the provost and university leadership, and it is important for them to understand the importance and benefits of the program. Commissioner Hall also expressed willingness to work on both issues and noted that Mineral County's Extension program is largely tribal. President Kirkpatrick informed the Commissioner that there are funds available specific to tribe's and that none from Nevada had applied for the dollars, stating that she would forward information to Commissioner Hall. President Kirkpatrick concluded her remarks by informing the Board that she would be stepping down as Chair of several Boards and Commissions, but that she would remain committed to NACO.
4. **NACO Executive Director's Report.** Vinson reminded the Board that registration for the National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Legislative Conference is open, and that staff would be planning a dinner for Commissioners in attendance and meetings with the members of the Nevada Delegation. He also informed the Board that work was being done on the Association's federal priorities for 2022 and that the draft would be brought to the Board in January.
5. **Approval of Minutes of the November 19, 2021, NACO Board of Directors Meeting.** The minutes were approved on a motion by Vice President Higbee with second by Commissioner Lister.

6. **Approval of NACO's 2022 Associate Members.** Vinson reminded the Board that approval process is outlined in the By-laws and Associate Members are NACO supporters from the business community. He referred to the list of existing members included in the agenda packet and the application for membership from Clark County Collections Service. President Elect Lucey inquired to the cost of membership, {which is \$750/year}, and when it was last increased. Amanda clarified that it had not been raised in at least eight years, and Vinson indicated that he was considering an increase for new members. Vice President Higbee noted that he was glad to see members of the mining community engaging and suggested having the members present at future Board meetings. Vinson stated that staff is working through updates to the benefits of membership and that those would be addressed on a future agenda. He also noted that By-law changes are not required for updates to the membership fee or the program. The list of renewing members was approved on a motion by Commissioner Hall with second by Commissioner Lister. The new membership application was approved on a motion by Vice President Higbee with second by Commissioner Lister.
7. **Final Discussion and Approval of NACO's 2022 Budget.** Vinson reminded the Board that the budget had been first presented for discussion at the November meeting and informed them that no requests had been made for changes to the draft. He noted the strong and stable financial status of the Association. Vinson discussed some items that had been adjusted from previous years due to rising costs and savings. Fiscal Officer Kalt noted that Associate Members are also supporters of the Annual Conference and that revenues are expected to exceed expenses. Several members of the Board questioned the population component of the Dues Schedule, noting that the numbers conflicted with what the counties had received in Census reports. Vinson informed the Board that the population numbers utilized were the verified numbers from the State Demographer for 2020. The Association's 2022 budget and county dues were approved on a motion by Supervisor Giomi with second by Commissioner Goicoechea.
8. **Discussion and Approval of NACO's Continued Participation in the Live Healthy Rx Program with NACo.** Vinson gave the Board some background on the program, noting that NACO has been a member of the program for several years and that it generates non-dues revenue for the Association. He also gave an overview of updates and expansions to the program, including the addition of discounted services at Minute Clinics, increased rates of revenue sharing and marketing efforts. Vice President Higbee inquired as to if there had been an update on card expedition from a recent online seminar update from NACo. Vinson stated that there has been no update received. NACO's continued participation was approved on a motion by Commissioner Hall with second by Vice President Higbee.
9. **Discussion and Recap of the 2021 NACo County Leadership Institute in Washington, D.C., Commissioner Cassie Hall, Mineral County.** Commissioner Hall thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the Institute and gave them an overview of her experience. She noted that while the program is challenging it is a wonderful experience that provides vast amounts of knowledge and personal growth and referred to the additional materials that had been distributed that morning. President Elect Lucey and Commissioner Lister noted that they too had attended CLI. Commissioner Hall indicated that discussion is being held on developing a CLI Alumni group that would meet at the Legislative Conference in February.
10. **Approval of NACO Resolution 21-02 Recognizing January 2022 as National Radon Action Month.** Vinson reminded the Board that the Association supports this Extension

program annually and read the Resolution into the record. Holly Gatske informed the Board that testing kits would be available free of charge at all Extension offices through the months of January and February. The resolution was approved on a motion by President Kirkpatrick with second by Commissioner Lister.

11. **Presentation on Newly Launched Webpage for the State Clearinghouse, Scott Carey, Administrator Nevada Division of State Lands.** Mr. Carey gave the Board an overview of the Clearinghouse noting that it is a repository for NEPA notices and central collection site for comments on those notices. He informed the Board that the Clearinghouse is housed within the State's Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and has MOUs with multiple agencies for the collection of comments. He shared the new webpage, walked through the redesign, and updated features, including the new search and notification tools. Commissioner Lister inquired as to why, when the final comments on a NEPA project come out of the State, they often differ from what was submitted by individual agencies. Mr. Carey stated that the Clearinghouse doesn't edit comments, only reviews them for authenticity, then forwarding them to the State for completion of the final comment process.
12. **Discussion and Possible Approval of the Reappointment of Roger Mancebo, and Zethka Fountas, to the Nevada Rural Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, for a Term Beginning on January 1, 2022, respectively. (NRS 315.977)** Vinson informed the Board that NACO appoints two members to the Board to represent counties and one member in cooperation with the Nevada League of Cities that represents those that receive assistance from the Authority. He reminded the Board that the two county representatives are currently former Pershing County Commissioner Roger Mancebo and former Nye County Commissioner Joni Eastley, Mr. Mancebo's term has expired, and Vinson noted that he would like to continue to serve. Ms. Zethka Fountas is the current joint appointment, whose term has expired, and she was also requesting reappointment. Both Mr. Mancebo and Ms. Fountas were reappointed on a motion by Commissioner Lister with second by President Elect Lucey.
13. **Selection and Possible Approval of Host County for Future NACO Conferences.** Vinson reminded the Board that Storey County will be the host for the 2022 Annual Conference and that volunteers for 2023 and 2024 had been solicited at the November meeting. Supervisor Giomi informed the Board that Carson City would like to be the host for the Association's Centennial Anniversary in 2024. Vinson informed the Board that the Elko County Board of Commissioners had voted to approve hosting the event in 2023. He noted that Elko had not hosted a conference since 2007 and staff recommended approval of their request. Commissioner Gilman gave a brief update of Storey County's initial ideas for tours and conference venues. Elko County was approved to host the conference in 2023 and Carson City was approved as host for 2024 on a motion by Commissioner Lister with second by Supervisor Giomi.
14. **Update and Possible Action. Regarding Public Lands and Natural Resources Issues Affecting Counties Including:**
  - a. **Updates from the NACO Public Lands and Natural Resources Subcommittee.** Vice President Higbee informed the Board that the Subcommittee had discussed a proposed renewable energy plan in Washington D.C. Vinson noted that the Bill had been brought to the group's attention by Commissioner Carson and that it had passed out of the associated House committee, also noting that it includes language regarding permits and royalties. Vinson spoke to members of Senator Rosen's staff

and informed the group that there is currently no vote planned or companion legislation in the Senate, but that it would continue to be monitored and that NACo supports the House Bill. The Subcommittee also discussed water planning efforts at the State and encouraged counties to review their Master Plans to ensure that they include the need for Special Use Permit for water projects. The group also discussed the potential need for additional comments on ongoing Sage Grouse plan efforts.

- b. **Discussion of NACO's appointment to the Nevada Advisory Board on Outdoor Recreation.** The Board was informed that this is a new Advisory Board and that an additional rural representative was approved during the 2021 Legislative Session. Vinson reviewed the criteria that the nominee must meet and informed the Board that staff's goal is to collect potential nominees for the Subcommittee to vet and discuss and bring back for Board approval in January. No action was taken on agenda item 14.
15. **NACO Committee of the Emeritus Update.** Vinson informed the Board that the Committee would be meeting next on January 7<sup>th</sup> and would discuss the proposed educational workshops for the 2022 interim.
16. **Updates from Members on the National Association of Counties Board, Western Interstate Region Board, and Individual Counties.** Commissioner Steninger informed the Board that the full funding of PILT remains a priority of the Western Interstate Region Board, and Commissioner Kirkpatrick informed the group that the NACo Board of Directors is continuing work to include direct funding to counties in the Build Back Better Bill working its way through Washington. Other members of the Board gave updates on activities within their counties.
17. **Public Comment.** Commissioner Lister requested a future agenda discussion on how counties can work better with the State Lands Division.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 am.