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October 17, 2002

Honorable Rusty Tybo
City of Wells
1279 Clover Avenue
Wells, Nevada 89835

RE: Support for Development of the Bishop Creek Recreational Area

Dear Mayor Tybo:

The Elko County Board of Commissioners supports a recreational area at the Bishop Creek Dam and Reservoir. Outdoor recreational activities such as fishing, swimming, camping and hiking certainly add to the quality of life for our citizens and will provide opportunity for increased outdoor tourism as well.

Please keep us advised of your efforts to promote the development of this Bishop Creek recreation facility. We applaud your vision and desire to improve recreational opportunities for Wells and Elko County.

Sincerely,



Brad Roberts
Chairman

cc: ECEDA

EXHIBIT J Senate Committee on Finance

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"Promoting Economic Development and Diversification Throughout Elko County"
August 29, 2002

Representing... Helen Hankins
3900 E. Idaho Street
Elko, NV 89801

Elko County Dear Ms. Hankins:

At the request of Ms. Jolene Supp, Wells City Manager, the Elko County Economic Development Authority's Board of Directors voted unanimously at their regular monthly meeting on August 20, 2002 to join in the support of the development of a recreation area associated with the Bishop Creek dam and reservoir project.

This project would provide a recreational area for water skiing, camping, fishing, hiking, swimming, and other related activities. The associated economic impact to the Wells area from an increase in tourism as well as local utilization would be significant. The proposed scope of this development is in harmony with the State of Nevada Commission on Tourism's new promotional theme highlighting "adventures in the outback" of Northern Nevada. Not only is the project geared to attract tourist dollars, but it also enhances the quality of life for the residents of Wells and surrounding areas.

The ECEDA Board of Directors urges your agency to give careful consideration to supporting the further development of this project.

City of West
Wendover

Kindest personal regards,

Spring Creek


Nancy Sheffield, Executive Director

Jackpot

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Upon introduction and motion by Councilman Kerry T Robinson
a second by Councilman Vikki L. Dedman, the following resolution was
duly passed and adopted:

**CITY OF WELLS
RESOLUTION 02 - 9**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DEVELOPMENT OF
BISHOP CREEK RESERVOIR**

WHEREAS, there is potential for development of Bishop Creek Reservoir which
would provide both agricultural and recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, both opportunities will increase economic developments in and
around the community of Wells; and

WHEREAS, said development will also enhance the quality of life in for local
residents; and

WHEREAS, development of the reservoir might also prevent liability in terms of
protection of life and property below the existing dam.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE
BOARD OF COUNCILMEN THAT** support will be given at all possible levels for
development of the reservoir in such a way that both agricultural and recreational interests
are served.

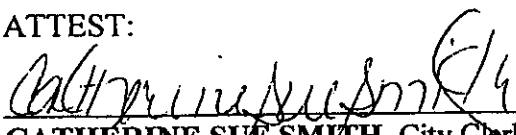
PASSED, APPROVED AND SIGNED this 13th day of August,
2002.

CITY OF WELLS

By: 

RUSTY A. TYBO, Mayor

ATTEST:


CATHERINE SUE SMITH, City Clerk

VOTE:

AYES:

Jerry [Signature]
Nikki J. Hedman
Kerry [Signature]
John S. Stank

NAYS:

None

ABSENT:

None

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motel and RV park owners. Upon question of the City Council about the last increase, explanation was provided by staff that the room tax was raised from seven (7%) to nine percent (9%) in 1997. Mayor Tybo asked if there is a cap for room tax and it was noted that many cities are much higher than Wells. Kerry Robinson made a motion to proceed to mail the prepared Business Impact Statements to rental business owners. Cal Stark seconded the motion and the Board cast a unanimous vote.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT FOR PROPOSED CHANGE IN SERVICE FEES FOR WATER AND SANITATION AND ACTION TO PROCEED TO MAIL STATEMENTS TO BUSINESS OWNERS

The City Manager explained changes in the proposed sanitation rates listed on the Business Impact Statement. She stated that the proposed net decrease in the Sanitation Fund is \$18,500 and the proposed increase in the Water Fund is \$18,000. The Board reviewed the statement and discussed the rate structure. Vikki Dedman made a motion to proceed to mail Business Impact Statements to all business owners and Kenny Huff seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN CITY OF WELLS DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM

City Clerk Sue Smith explained that Hartford Company has provided a resolution to amend the City's Deferred Compensation Plan in accordance with recent tax law changes. She continued that in discussion with the City Manager, it was suggested that the Board be given an opportunity to decide whether or not they desire to continue offering a deferred compensation program for employees. Upon question of the Council, explanation was given that the City does not match or contribute to the program. It was also explained that only two existing and one previous employee are part of the program at this time. Question was raised about the City's expense in administering the program and Jolene Supp stated that it is minimal. The Board concurred that the City should continue to offer the program to interested employees and proceed with adopting the amendment.

ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 02 – 9; RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DEVELOPMENT OF BISHOP CREEK RESERVOIR

Mayor Tybo reported that he met with Vernon Dalton regarding the development of Bishop Creek Reservoir. Manager Supp stated that Mr. Dalton wants to preserve storage rights. Upon question, Mayor Tybo explained that Mr. Dalton is the majority property owner and owns the Bishop Creek Dam. The City Manager also stated that the Elko County Commissioners reviewed the water board report and voted to allow a ballot question. Jolene Supp added that there will be some local opposition to the development. She reported, however, that she sent a letter to the Elko County Commissioners explaining that development of the dam would enhance recreational opportunities for the

community of Wells. Kerry Robinson made a motion to adopt Resolution 02 – 9, Resolution in support of development of Bishop Creek Reservoir. Vikki Dedman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

CONSIDERATION OF OFFER FROM SKILFUL FABRICATIONS FOR LEASE/PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT 189 W. SIXTH STREET, RELATED DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Jolene Supp referenced a written offer from Skilful Fabrications of Vaughn, Montana for lease and/or purchase of the property at 189 W. Sixth Street. She clarified that during a telephone conversation, Mr. Taylor of Skilful Fabrications explained that he is offering \$3,000 for one years rent on the building and then wants credit for repairs of \$1,500 if he opts to purchase the building for \$20,000. She stated that in essence he would be paying \$21,500 cash for the facility if he buys it. Mayor Tybo asked if the City Attorney has reviewed the offer and Jolene Supp stated that he has not. The Board stated that Mr. Taylor's business would not be in competition with any other business in Wells and might also be something that someone from Elko might drive to Wells for. Following discussion, Councilman Stark made a motion to accept the offer of Skilful Fabrications, pending review and approval by City Attorney Bob Goicoechea. Vice Mayor Robinson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

CLAIMS COMMITTEE REPORT; ACTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Kenny Huff asked if the City has a contract with the airport gas supplier and stated that he would like to look into costs of other suppliers. Manager Supp explained that because the City does not use the fuel and resells it, they are subject to fuel taxes. Mr. Huff also questioned if the City receives a discount from certain vendors and Manager Supp stated that she would like to see the City bid certain commodities that are used by every department. Councilman Huff then made a motion to approve Warrant Register dated August 13, 2002 in the amount of \$110,815.15. Councilwoman Dedman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

COUNCILMEN'S REPORTS

Kerry Robinson reported that the City of Wells has received the bid for the Nevada State High School Rodeo in 2003.

Vikki Dedman reported that ECEDA Director Nancy Sheffield is representing Elko County at a conference in San Francisco. She also reported that the Fire Department received a FEMA grant in the amount of \$60,000. She informed that the Fire Department will receive training in Wells the next two days via a live fire trainer/simulator unit, which produces artificial smoke. The Council was invited to attend.