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EDAWN announces new board and council

The Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN) on Thursday announced its board of trustees and a new economic development council effective Jan. 1 through 2011.

As part of a reorganization at the board level to create a more effective leadership structure with its member/investors, EDAWN has created two groups to guide EDAWN President/CEO Chuck Alvey and staff.

EDAWN's Board of Trustees are elected positions and will serve a two-year term. The group meets monthly to give guidance and oversight to the organization.

The EDAWN board of trustees includes:

- Chairman, Russ Romine, Griffin Global Logistics
- Vice Chairman, Stephanie Kruse, KPS3 Marketing
- Secretary, Steve Anderson, RBC Wealth Management
- Treasurer, Leigh Goddard, McDonald Carano Wilson, LLP
- Immediate Past Chair, Jack Prescott, First Independent Bank of Nevada
- President, Chuck Alvey, EDAWN
- Doug Kurkul, Reno Sparks Chamber of Commerce
- Dave LaPlante, One-to-One Interactive
- Jim Newman, WIN
- Lou Primak, Agate Sierra Construction, Inc.
- Paul Thomsen, Ormat Technologies, Inc.
- Par Tolles, Dermody Properties/DP Partners
- Tom White, Haws Corporation

New to EDAWN is the Economic Development Council, a top leadership group that meets bi-monthly and will provide vision, strategy and advisement to the EDAWN board of trustees on key issues impacting the region. The council includes the majority of EDAWN trustees and the local mayors, county commission chair and major EDAWN member/investors.

Romine, president and majority shareholder of Griffin Global Logistics, a global supply chain company, has been involved in the logistics industry for more than 30 years. Since purchasing and becoming president of Griffin Global Logistics in 2001, the organization has diversified from traditional international services to include domestic rail and truck transportation, warehousing and distribution, and specialized high value/over-sized project cargo.
