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Minutes of Monday, December 10th, 2018
Board Meeting

Members present: Bob Flint, SRDC, President, Peter Gregory, TRORC, Vice President, Bob Haynes, GMEDC, Treasurer, Tom Kennedy, SWCRPC Secretary, P.J. SKghan, Walter Martone, Jerry Fredrickson, Kristin Morris and Joan Goldstein

Call in: Bill Dakin

Others present: Chris Titus, SWCRPC,

Bob Flint opened the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

1. Changes to the agenda

Bob Flint asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda and there were none.

2. Approval of May 17, 2018 minutes

Walter Martone moved to accept the minutes from May 18, 2018 as presented. Jerry Fredrickson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Financial Report

Bob Haynes, Treasurer, reviewed the activity from July 1, 2018 to date which included receiving the first quarter EDA advance of \$17, 500 that was distributed to the partners per this year's budget. The balance in the account is \$602.28.

Jerry Fredrickson made a motion to accept the financial statement as presented. Tom Kennedy seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Update by partners of FY19 EDA work program tasks

Bob Flint shared the exciting news about BRIC receiving a \$724, 000 I6 Rural Innovation grant from the EDA. It is the first time for Vermont to be awarded this type of grant. He recognized the work of Senator Leahy to make sure the language in the grant was to include rural applicants. Peter referred to ongoing staff training including presenting at the NADO conference. He also spoke about their efforts with the 3CVT Creative Economy and updating the ECEVDD website. Any information to share please send to Paige at TRORC. Bob Haynes spoke about their involvement in the 3CVT Creative Economy, their work with the Lebanon Council of Arts and Dartmouth as well as disaster funding for businesses in the form of 0% interest loans. Tom Kennedy spoke to the SWCRPC reviewing language in town plans referring to health and wellness. Continue to collect data and partner with MT. Ascutney with the implications of poverty and health issues.

5. 2020 CEDS update

Confirmed 5 year update.

6. Spring Workshop



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Brainstorming discussion for topics for the Spring Workshop. Tom had attended a conference and met an official from the Federal Home Loan Bank in Boston. He said the bank is doing a study on rural economic development. Ted Brady from ACCD is raising money for the matching funds for a research project on this matter. Joan spoke to finding a good model for rural economic development. Factors that should be considered in developing a rural economic development include: broadband, demographics, housing, local zoning and planning. Bill echoed the lack of affordable housing is a critical issue to development. Discussion continued and suggestions included a dual track for the workshop and to include VHB, DHCD. Location suggestions included VTC and Okemo and to form a committee to work on the workshop.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina M. Titus, SWCRPC

