

Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

East Central Vermont Economic Development District Executive Committee Meeting November 3, 2022 3 PM (VIRTUAL)

Members Present: Bob Flint, Peter Gregory, Jason Rasmussen, Kristi Morris, Sam Hooper, Erika Hoffman-Kiess, Joan Goldstein, Jerry Fredrickson

Others Present: Mark Condon, Allison Hopkins

Bob Flint opened the meeting at 3:05 PM.

1. Minutes from 12/15/21 E/C Meeting

Kristi Morris made a motion to approve the December 15, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes as presented. Second by Sam Hooper. Motion approved unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report

Mark Condon gave a financial update. Payment from EDA has been received for the planning grant, and checks to the partners will be going out shortly. Payment from EDA on the supplemental grant was received this morning. There was consensus to hold off on the self-assessment until later in the year.

3. Grant Status (both current grants)

Bob Flint reported that the planning grant contract is for a 9-month period. The remaining 3 month period is anticipated to come separately or possibly combined with the next fiscal year as a 15 month contract.

We are in the final quarter of the supplemental grant. SRDC and GMEDC have both completed their supplemental work. TRORC and MARC are on track to complete by December 31st.

4. Agenda items, set date – Full Board Meeting

A tentative date of Dec. 9th at 8 AM was set for the next full board meeting. In addition to the usual business items, the agenda will also include a discussion of topics for the annual meeting. Joan Goldstein suggested having VLCT's presentation on funding sources.

5. Partner Updates

Allison Hopkins indicated that, under the supplemental grant, MARC has been working on broadband and outdoor recreation. Under the planning grant MARC has been working on food security, health planning and policy, and recovery friendly communities work.



Mark Condon reported that GMEDC has a new Vista volunteer working on website updates and outreach (newsletter, email blasts, etc.). In addition to the standard work activities, Mark noted the new BRIC expansion project in Randolph.

Peter Gregory gave TRORC updates for the supplemental grant included developing a resilience plan, technical assistance for sole proprietors, and town ARPA support. For the planning grant, TRORC is working on smoke free public spaces, town plan updates, and food insecurity planning efforts.

Bob Flint reported that SRDC is working on outreach for small business support, BIPAC-owned business support, recovery-friendly workplaces with Working Fields, co-sponsored an event for employers, resources for other business needs (mental health), EDA grant to expand BRIC in Randolph, and child care.

6. Other Business

None.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

