

Meeting Minutes

East Central Vermont Economic Development District

Full Board Meeting

Chandler Music Hall, Randolph

May 18, 2023 4:30 PM (Hybrid)

Members Present: Bob Flint, Peter Gregory, Jason Rasmussen, Erika Hoffman-Kiess, Joan Goldstein, Jerry Fredrickson, Walter Martone, Jen Colby, Peter Berger, P.J. Skehan.

Others Present: Mark Condon, Allison Hopkins, Ken Alton, Emmy Vaughn, Katie Buckley, John Echeverria, Anson Tebbetts.

Bob Flint opened the meeting at 4:30 PM.

1. Minutes from 12/9/22 ECVEDD Board Meeting

Walter Martone noted that the minutes should be modified: change the reference to “BIPOC” not “BIPAC.” Jen Colby made a motion to approve the December 9, 2022 meeting minutes as modified. Second by Erika Hoffman-Kiess. Motion approved unanimously.

2. Treasurer’s Report

Erika Hoffman-Kiess reported there is a current balance of about \$1,200. The Treasurer’s Report did not go out with the agenda packet. It was tabled until the next meeting. Erika Hoffman-Kiess will send the Treasurers Report.

3. Grant Updates – FY23 Grant

Peter Gregory reported that TRORC worked on housing, food security, website – data, building staff capacity, and health equity during this period.

Bob Flint reported that SRDC is working on support for the female and BIPOC communities, sustainable employment, home-based providers, recovery-friendly workplaces, BRIC, data, and the Springfield Area Working Communities Challenge.

Erika Hoffman-Kiess reported that GMEDC worked on BRIC in Randolph, White River Working Communities Challenge, housing for new employees, website updates, business outreach, and child care.

Jason Rasmussen reported that the supplemental grant is now closed out. MARC worked on broadband and outdoor recreation under the supplemental. Under the planning grant, MARC worked on housing, food security, and health equity.

4. Grant Update – FY24 Grant Cycle



Bob Flint indicated that the new grants are for the April 2023 to March 2024 time period. We do not yet have the contracts, but work began on April 1st.

Next year we will need to start talking about updating our Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

5. FY24 ECVEDD Officers

Bob Flint explained that the officer positions rotate between the four partner organizations each year. Joan Goldstein made a motion to appoint Peter Gregory as President, Erika Hoffman-Kiess as Vice President, Jason Rasmussen as Treasurer, and Bob Flint as Secretary. Second by Jen Colby. Motion approved unanimously.

6. FY24 ECVEDD Budget

Peter Gregory made a motion to approve the FY24 ECVEDD budget as presented. Second by Peter Berger. Motion approved unanimously.

7. FY24 ECVEDD Work Program

Erika Hoffman-Kiess made a motion to approve the FY24 ECVEDD Work Program as presented. Second by Jason Rasmussen. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Other Business

Peter Gregory noted that NADO has been working on EDA authorization changes, including planning grant levels from \$70,000 to \$100,000 per district, and local match going from 50/50 to 80/20 to be consistent with other federal programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 PM.

