

Northern Vermont Economic Development District

Minutes from February 7th, 2017

Lamoille County Regional Planning Commission Offices

- Meeting was called to order at 1:12 PM by Tasha/John
- Motion to approve the minutes of December 6th was made by Dave S. and seconded by Jan M. , no discussion the minutes were approved unanimously
- Nothing to report re: the financials
- Guest presenter was Kevin Stapleton, Dept. of Labor Economic & Labor Market Information Assistant Chief
 - The Dept. of Labor collects economic data and analyzes it to better understand the Vermont economy as a whole
 - Kevin also shared how national trends affect Vermont
 - The board also discussed what the future holds re: employment needs
- The Executive Committee made the recommendation to approve the following slate of Board nominees:
 - Nina Curtis - Franklin/Grand Isle County
 - Bob Baurmann – Grand Isle
 - Amy Brewer – Franklin County
 - Elaine Collins – Lamoille County
 - Meredith Birkett – Lamoille County
 - Christine McGowan –Lamoille County

Motion was made to endorse the recommendation made by the EC by Greg and seconded by Kathy, unanimous approval. The Board discussed and agreed to host an orientation for the new Board members prior to the April 4th meeting.

- Executive Committee presented proposed criteria for the NVEDD Board to endorse an EDA application. The criteria includes:

- Organization will need to submit a letter of request to the Board Chairs
- The letter needs to address what goals from the NVEDD CEDS will the grant application have an impact on
- Co-chairs vet and share with the full NVEDD Board if time permits for endorsement. If time is tight the Exec. Comm. will hold a conference call with the Executive Committee to discuss.
- We should create stationary so as to respond to an applicant's request.
- All applications will be reviewed for clear articulation of CEDS goals and strategies.
- A presentation to the NVEDD Board can be substituted for a letter of request
- Dave S. moved to accept the endorsement criteria and was seconded by Catherine, the motion was approve unanimously
- Dave S. gave a presentation on the Hardwick application to do a feasibility study. Catherine moved to endorse the application and was seconded by Mike W. Dave and Sarah recused themselves. The motion passed unanimously.
- Catherine touched on the Annual Review of CEDS which will be led by Karen Gehagty . Karen will be reaching out to the Board for input.
 - We will need to submit the review by mid April
- Future meetings to have presentations on the Northern Borders grant schedule and restorative justice.
- Motion to adjourn at 2:45 by Greg and seconded by Reg