

NVEDD Minutes from Tuesday, October 1, 2019

- Please see the attendance sheet for those who were at the meeting.
- John M. opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees at 1:03 PM
- A motion to appoint Floyd Nease to one of the Lamoille County seats was made by Tasha Wallis and seconded by Jim Lovinsky, motion passed unanimously.
- The Board received an update from Haley Pero from Senator Sanders office.
 - Continuing Resolution for the Budget is schedule for a Nov. 21st vote
 - Disaster Funding to be expanded in the EDA and USDA budgets
 - The Senator's Committee has taken action to expand transportation dollars to include electric charging stations. Resiliency and rural transportation routes.
 - John Mandeville commented on a local Lamoille County business that was being accessed a significant penalty for incorrect exporting paperwork.
- The Board did a review of all of the Northern Border Regional Commission Awards for Vermont and some of the Board members spoke specifically to grants that they were familiar with. The grant awards in the NVEDD region will have a significant impact on our CEDS goals.
- Tim, Dave and John spoke about the workforce summits that are being hosted around the State by the RDCs, the Dept. of Labor and the State Workforce Board. When completed there will be 12 summits throughout the State. The information will be compiled and submitted to the Dept. of Labor for their review/input. The document will be used to create strategies to move forward on workforce development.
- Catherine spoke about the upcoming Working Communities grant and presentations being done around the region. Communities can apply for \$15,000 planning grants with the opportunity to then access a three-year \$300,000 grant. This program is in conjunction with the Boston Federal Reserve Bank.
- Next meetings are December 3 and February 4. The December meeting will have a presentation by LCPC on Rural Wastewater Systems and at the February meeting Jim Lovinsky will speak about affordable housing
- Tim S. was recently notified by John Morley that he may be stepping down from the NVEDD Board and if so, a Northeast board slot would need to be filled.
- Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 on a motion from Tasha seconded by Jim.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tim Smith