

Northern Vermont Economic Development District Meeting

Tuesday, April 4th, 2023

1:00

Location: Northern Vermont University Forestry Accelerator Classroom

930 Broad St. Downtown Lyndonville

AGENDA:

1. Welcome and Introductions – Pat R.
2. Additions/Changes to the Agenda
3. Approval of February 7th meeting minutes – Dave S. motion, Ann N. second - passed.
4. Next Meetings:
 - a. Tuesday, June 6th at the Village of Swanton Municipal Complex
 - i. Topic is Municipal Electric Utilities with a hydro generation tour. Bob B. suggested discussion of regional SHEI issue, operation of municipal electric utilities, and VPPSA services.
 - b. No meeting in August, unless needed, as we usually don't meet this month.
5. NVU – Lyndon Forestry Accelerator Program presentation. Jared Reynolds and Ann Nygard presented on Forest Products Accelerator, Do North Co-working and classroom spaces (Kickstart NEK), Workforce Development through a Trail Building program. Contact Jared for more information.
6. CEDS update – Annie McLean – Annie will share draft report with the board and also requested for contribution of successful projects for the annual report before the June meeting.
7. Lamoille Valley Rail Trail Updates – this will be a regular agenda item – Kathy Lavoie – Tasha, Catherine, and Dave will develop an invitation and agenda for a meeting with VTrans and VDTM. Federal delegation to be invited.
8. Federal Delegation Updates – Will S. reported on CDS requests and Farm Bill.

9. Potential regional EDA applications – Matthew Suchodolski – Matthew noted NOFA for Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (see email to group) to include workforce development. Also, set-aside available for biomass projects.
10. Partner's Roundtable/Updates – Forest Industry Summit in June at Bolton Mountain; April 24 ARPA event in Caledonia County; May 14 ARPA event in Franklin County; Interest expressed in UVM's new Rural Institute (invite for presentation at future meeting).
11. NVEDD Board Vacancies:
 - a. Franklin/Grand Isle – 1 seat
 - b. Lamoille County – 1 Seat
 - c. NVDA – 1 Seat
12. Adjournment – 2:51pm