

## Minutes from the April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 virtual NVEDD Board meeting

- Meeting called to order at 1:00 by Co-chair Pat Ripley
- Motion to approve the minutes of the NVEDD Board meeting held on Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 was made by Tasha and seconded Dave S. and it passed unanimously.
- A presentation was given by Debbie New with Vermont Thermal Energy Networks and Jared Rodriguez with Community Decarbonization Partners.
  - Topics included an overview of geothermal energy and the possibility to share excess heat.
  - There is more expertise on the topic and more examples of the success.
- Abby Long gave an overview of the additions and changes that she made to the CEDS with input from the NVEDD Board. Annie McLean worked closely with Abby as well to pull the draft together. Thank you both Abby and Annie.
- The Board had a discussion about more Board collaboration in applying for grants that could assist our region similar to the Lamoille River Hydrology grant. Sarah touched on additional available disaster resiliency grant dollars. Moving forward, Tasha encouraged the Board to explore those grant opportunities.
- Federal Delegation updates included Fauna touched on the demand for the Congressional Discretionary Spending. The Senator's office received 130 requests and they may be able to assist 30 of those. Morgan shared that Congresswoman Balint submitted 40 applications. Discussion also centered around tariffs and Opportunity Zones.
  - COVID IDLE loans are being called in. SBA will be doing a workshop re: the IDLE loans.
- Board updates included the Burlington Airport improvements that Sarah touched on along with the NBRC Great Forestry Economy Grants,

Christine touched on forestry programs and workshops, Abby shared that the Kingdom received their REEP Zone Authoization and the Housing Hub Bub will be held May 6<sup>th</sup>.

- Next meeting will be hosted by Lisa on June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Pat moved to adjourn, seconded by Tim.