

Northern Vermont Economic Development District
December 7, 2021 Minutes

- Pat Ripley opened the meeting at 1:08 PM and we proceeded with Board introductions.
- Minutes were in the Board packets, a motion by Tasha seconded by Paul to approve was made and passed unanimously.
- Board Vacancies:
 - Lamoille vacancies: Tasha and Jim Lovinsky brought two names to the Board for consideration and the two names were
 - Emily Rosenbaum, Working Communities Executive Director, Tasha made the motion to appoint Emily to one of the Lamoille vacancies and Jim L. seconded. The appointment was unanimously.
 - The second candidate was Stuart May who is the Director of the Lamoille Health Partners and Jim L. moved to appoint and Tasha seconded it. The motion to appoint Stuart to the NVEDD Board was approved unanimously.
 - NVDA vacancy: Dave S. brought forth Joe Kasprzak, Town of St. Johnsbury Assistant Town Manager
 - A motion was made by Ann and seconded by Marty to approve Joe to the Board and the motion was unanimous to appoint Joe to the NVEDD Board.

Legislative updates

- Rebecca Ellis, Congressman Welch's office budget
 - Current discussions to extend the debt limit is being considered this week. There is a lot of discussions on raising the debt limit, deadline December 15th 2021. Focus will then move to the Build Back Better program.
 - \$63 Million for USDA revolving loan funds for clean water, stormwater and wastewater; these funds are specific to Vermont only. This amount is more than we have seen before and may be allocated for the next five years.
- Updated bylaws – the committee was made up of Tasha, Paul, Andy, Pat and Tim. Paul led the Board discussion.
 - We had discussion about Article III and rewording the goals.
 - Article 5 Section D and E was discussed re: removal of a director and Executive Committee required meetings.
 - Article 6 Section H specified Fiscal Agent responsibilities
 - Article 7 Section G addressed special meetings
 - Article 8 was focused on budget wording
 - Article 9 section c there was a question re: Directors and Officers Insurance
 - Article 10 updated bylaws do not need to be sent to the Secretary of State.
- EDA Recovery Plan – where do we go from here. Tasha stated that the working group needs to reconvene in January so as to start the implementation of the action items. Kathy Lavoie will take the lead to organize the committee.
- Draft CEDS approval discussion, Dave thinks we need to move the discussion forward. Christine commented that the forestry sector needs to be called out a little bit more in the plan. Ann

made some suggested word changes. Tim suggested holding a special meeting specific to finalizing the CEDS. The meeting will be held the second week of January. Everyone should look at the plan and send their changes/corrections to Annie at NVDA for a January vote.

- Motion to adjourn Tasha/Kathy at 2:10

Respectfully submitted

Tim Smith