

NVEDD Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2022

- Meeting called to order at 1:03 PM by Pat. The attendance matrix is attached.
- Motion to approve the minutes from December 7th, 2021 by Emily and seconded by Tasha and approved unanimously.
- Tim presented the amended bylaws and a motion to approve made by Reg B and seconded by Emily. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Annie presented the updated CEDS draft. To clarify this is an update from the 2021 rewrite. A motion to approve the undated CEDS by Paul and seconded by Kathy L. motion passed unanimously.
- EDA Recovery Plan committee continues to meet to discuss the next steps to implement the plan's goals. We are speaking about how the region could collaborate on a specific project or projects. Pat shared some thoughts for some regionwide equity/inclusive business training; currently looking for some funding to pull it off. We will look at posting the plan on our website.
- Fauna Hurley (Congressman Welch's Office) gave a legislative update on ARPA dollars and the push for flexibility with the funding. Wasn't sure where the budget stood, conversations continue. Fauna was excited to see that VTSBDC was awarded dollars for technical service for businesses across the State.
- Natalie gave a ACCD update which was focused on the State Budget.
- The Board discussed future potential presentations, some of the suggestions include:
 - Workforce Development
 - Working Community Projects
 - Communication Union Districts (CUD)
 - Hardwick Yellow Barn – Dave will present at the April meeting
 - State College update
 - Energy discussion
- The Board had a discussion re: Board vacancies; Franklin/Grand isle and Lamoille are both down one member. F/GI will reach out to a potential Board member and will report back in April.
- Talked about next meeting dates and potential sites to visit in June.
- New Business: Reg expressed concerns about ANR re-licensing discussions that will result in a curtailment of energy production at the Highgate Dam. The policy would impact the Village of Swanton as well as Highgate.
- Motion to adjourn at 2:12 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Smith