

NVEDD Board Minutes
February 2nd, 2021
Meeting was held by Zoom

- Meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM by John M.
- Introductions were shared
- Tim presented minutes of December 1st, 2020 and a motion to approve was made by Bob B and seconded by Dave S. and the motion passed unanimously with Ann Nygard and Jim Lovinsky recusing themselves.
- Tasha introduced and spoke about the Regional Recovery Plan Review, specifically focused on priorities for the plan and the process for approval. The Plan will incorporate regional work activity already completed. Tasha was looking for suggestions on how we might do public outreach to our specific regions?
 - Floyd N. asked how we might do a better job of tying child care into the economic development discussion?
 - Child care is considered a small business but has strict regulations
 - Access to community water and sewer can be a limiting factor in locating child care facilities.
- Seth spoke to the public engagement piece specifically to the importance of the engagement to any planning process. The public appears to be experiencing COVID survey fatigue. Seth asked the question of what is our goal that we hope to accomplish from the outreach.
 - Matthew S. suggested having a conversation with FEMA Region 1 as they are having similar conversations. Matthew shared some additional information in the Zoom chat area.
- The Board had a discussion re: the Priority Projects that the RDC submitted to the Agency of Commerce. Tasha would be sending the lists out to the NVEDD Board members for their review/input/additions. The document is a fluid document.
- Tim presented the Board vacancies that we have, one vacancy in NVEDA region as Katherine Sims has stepped down, Jim Black recently retired from NVU and has resigned as one of the Lamoille County representatives and Franklin County is still up in the air a little. Amy Brewer has stepped down due to a reduction in hours and we are waiting for a determination on Kathy Lavoie since she started a job at NRPC. The Board has been asked to bring names of potential Board members to the April Meeting. John M. will be having a conversations with Elaine Collins at NVU to get her thoughts.
- We received a national legislative update from Erica Campbell from Senator Sander's office and from Fauna Hurley from Congressman Welch's office.
 - Erica shared that this week was the Budget Resolution Week and many discussions surrounding COVID legislation specifically dollars for transportation, business supports and individual impact payments of \$1400.
 - Fauna reminded everyone of the Shuttered Venue grant program and that Congressman Welch had hoped to maintain his seat on the Rural Broadband Coalition.
- Rich Grogan from NBRC gave an update on allocations for the region. The amount of \$4.6 million is what is expected for next year.

- It was decided that the NVEDD Executive Committee would take on the task of reviewing the bylaws. There does not appear to have been a review since we re-established the Board. John M will chair and Tim will send out the bylaw document.
- Presentations for future meetings:
 - Housing?
 - Higher Education specifically the status of the State College system? John will reach out to Elaine Collins to see here might be available for our April meeting.
- Next meeting is April 6th, 2021; more than likely by Zoom again.
- Floyd N. made the motion to adjourn at 2:08 PM, seconded by Ann N. and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Timothy Smith