

## **NCMEDD Quarterly Meeting Minutes, June 29, 2022, Conrad, MT**

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:07 pm with the following members present:

### **Attending:**

Sarah Converse, Sean McGuire, Kathy Woodford, Cynthia Johnson, Carrie Taylor, Lorette Carter, Gerald Wagner, Lila Evans, Tony Sitzmann, John Overcast, Brenda Schilling, Jim Larson, Dale Seifert, Mary Ann Harwood, Mandi Bird Kennerly.

### **Approval of Agenda:**

Agenda was approved.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes for March 22, 2022 and April 19, 2022 were approved.

### **Financials:**

Financials for March 2022, April 2022, and May 2022 were approved. Budget to be updated pending updates to the U.S. EDA's "ASAP" program for Brownfields accounting.

### **Administrative Report:**

#### **Project/Grant/Activity Updates:**

ARPA: Navigating developments with Minimum Allocation program and continued progress.

RLF: All current clients have continued without change in status.

CRDC: Attended all-CRDC meeting with Department of Commerce in May.

Brownfields: Projects from Quarters 1 & 2 continuing. Planning to proceed with application for next cycle of funding given strong performance with site selection and drawdowns in current cycle.

Marketing: Trainings well-attended across the board. Update on status of marketing strategy document.

Staff: Carrie Taylor has joined the team, with a grantwriter/administrator to be recruited in Quarter 3.

CEDS: "Stakeholder" and "pop-in" style meetings to be held across the region in Quarter 3.

### **Business Items:**

New membership structure moved and approved. Report and fact sheet for outreach to be delivered by the Executive committee at September meeting.

CEDS Strategy Committee meeting proposed. Candidates can give substitutes from their local community or substitutes can be found by NCMEDD staff or board. No action taken at this time.

Board openings for Cascade and Teton Counties pending. No action taken at this time.

### **Public Comment:**

Lila Evans advocated for NCMEDD to connect with incoming elected representatives for the Blackfeet Nation. She also shared that the Celebration of Life and Recovery is being held soon.

Gerald Wagner spoke on behalf of the Blackfeet Environmental Office. He is meeting in Seattle with EELC and meeting in D.C. with their administrator.

Sarah Converse: The Shelby Bitterroot school has cleanup plan drafted by WWC as a result of the NCMEDD Brownfields program.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at **3:41 pm**.