

NCMEDD Annual Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, April 19, 2022, Great Falls, MT

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm with the following members present:

Attending:

Sarah Converse, Sean McGuire, Cyndi Johnson, Mary Harwood, Lila Evans, Jim Larson, Shane Etwiler, Mike Mills, Lorette Carter, Brenda Schilling, Kathy Woodford, Clarence Sivertsen, John Overcast, Gerald Wagner, Becky Bey, Laura Langdon, and Sanford Stone.

Approval of Agenda:

Agenda was approved.

Budget update:

The organization is ahead of projected numbers for the 2021 fiscal year.

Business Items:

By-laws were reviewed. Section 12, Article V was discussed and will be kept; no motion was required as no action was taken. Discussion of Article IV, Section 13. Vote taken to change the wording from “telephonic capabilities” to “technological capabilities” in order to make clear that virtual meeting platforms are included under the Section. Motion passed.

Discussion held about annual dues and capacity vs. buy-in. the Executive Committee will generate a report by May 3. No vote held.

Discussion held about CEDS Strategy Committee. No action taken.

Annual report:

Overview of 2021 activities. American Rescue Plan Act funding opportunities took priority along with ongoing projects with the Power Teton County Water and Sewer District, Montana Rural Water Systems, and many other entities. The board will receive copies of the 2021 annual reports submitted to the Montana Department of Commerce and the U.S. Economic Development Agency when they are fully processed.

CEDS Introductory Session:

Discussion held about how to proceed with data collection and EDA funding priorities for resiliency, diversity, and equity. No action taken. Followup meeting with staff on May 3.

Area reports:

Gerald Wagner reported that the Blackfeet Environmental Office has closed out their cleanup grant in Heart Butte. Asbestos flooring has been torn out but there are cost and funding concerns about putting new flooring in the space.

Sarah Converse reported that the former Prime Cut building in Great Falls is being transferred to Augusta for a brand-new community center.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:42 pm