

NCMEDD Quarterly Meeting Minutes, December 22, 2021, Conrad, MT

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:08 pm with the following members present:

Attending:

Sam Carlson, Llew Jones, Sarah Converse, Sean McGuire, Cyndi Johnson, Mary Harwood, Jim Larson, Shane Etwiler, Tom Carter, Rob Cook, Mike Mills, Lorette Carter, Dale Seifert, Kathy Woodford, Clarence Sivertsen, John Overcast, and Gerald Wagner.

Approval of Agenda:

Agenda was approved.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The minutes for September 22, 2021 were approved.

Financials:

Financials for September, October, and November were approved. 2022 preliminary budget approved.

Administrative Report:

Project/Grant/Activity Updates:

ARPA: Staff working with water district projects that applied in the summer. Allocation timetable + program details continue to be obstacles.

RLF: all current clients have continued without incident. Still looking for RLF funding.

CRDC: Staff is on track and is working with Caroline Jones to stay on top of the SSBCI program.

Brownfields: Working through multiple Petrofund-related projects, as well as the Shelby Bitterroot project.

Marketing: Consistent activity but little direction. Strategy will be needed in 2022.

EDA: CEDS renewal pending in 2022. EDA 3-year funding cycle application submitted. 3 BSTF applications submitted to Department of Commerce.

Business Items:

2022 Scope of Work, Housing RFQ, and CEDS RFQ reviewed and approved.

SCARF program was discussed. A consensus was reached that no motion is needed to specify whether SCARF funds can be used for internal purposes or strictly for matching for procuring planning services.

Moved and approved to purchase a table for the Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's Ag Banquet.

2022 board meeting scheduled discussed. A consensus was reached with no need for a motion.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm