

NCMEDD Quarterly Meeting Minutes, November 30, 2022, Online

Treasurer Etwiler called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm with the following members present:

Attending:

Gerald Wagner, Sarah Converse, Sean McGuire, Brenda Schilling, Shane Etwiler, Holly Hovland, Lorette Carter, Lila Evans, Mike Mills, Becky Bey.

Approval of Agenda:

Agenda was approved.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The minutes for September 30, 2022 were approved.

Financials:

Financials for August 2022 and September 2022 were approved. October 2022 pending and will be reviewed next quarter.

Administrative Report:

Project/Grant/Activity Updates:

ARPA: Progress continues.

CRDC: Staff turnover at MTDOC may delay fall reimbursement. Concerns about pending legislative session.

EDA: Progress continues.

Budget: Reimbursement anticipated for project closeouts in Quarter 4.

Brownfields: Submitted RLF and assessment applications to EPA having identified additional sites in the region.

Marketing: Review of post-CEDS results. 2023 priorities remain the same, with addition of belated membership outreach.

Staff: Interview held and position offered to Annette Kniffen, who will start on December 5th. Discussions of fee-for-service agreements with other organizations for additional services.

Conferences: Taking new approach to CEDS visualization based on information learned at NADO. Successful hosting of MEDA conference in Great Falls.

CEDS: Out for public comment December 1st. Preliminary draft to be featured with full visuals to accompany final draft. Annual CEDS followup meetings proposed with economic resilience and disaster preparedness in mind. Intent to recommend and advise other entities with “pop-up” style of survey canvassing.

Board: new members needed.

Business Items:

None.

Public Comment:

Mike Mills reported that there is interest from the GFDA board to continue existing collaboration. Sarah Converse confirmed that a meeting to follow in December to synchronize outreach/marketing/scheduling for business-related events.

Shane Etwiler asked whether NCMEDD has looked into the Employee Retention tax credit, as recent changes allowed the GF Chamber to qualify.

Lorette Carter thanked NCMEDD for welcoming her and Gerald Wagner to the conference to represent the Board of Directors. Kudos to the Newberry and to the Hotel Arvon!

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at **2:45 pm**.