

RCEDC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 2020

Members Present: Brenda Bachelder, Emily Barber, Neil Belanger, Ed Bergeron, Michael Briggs, Al Cambridge, Theresa Ekdorn, Katherine Methner, Robert Schneider

Absent: Kathleen Fox, Phil Bendily, Pam Kincaid, Margie Lathrop, Marc Milburn

Others Present:

Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Emily Barber

Agenda Changes:

Pam Kincaid's reappointment

Future board member recruitment

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve April 30, 2020 meeting minutes was made by Katherine Methner, supported by Michael Briggs. All approved.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer's report was not received to review.

Executive Directors Report:

Report was given by Brenda Bachelder

Old Business:

- A. Roscommon County Covid-19 Microloan Program update was given by Emily Barber and Brenda Bachelder.

New Business:

- A. Collaborative mini grant request was discussed. Motion was made by Ed Bergeron and supported by Michael Briggs to approve the application to purchase banners up to \$600.00. All approved.
- B. Draft Confidentiality & Conflict of Interest disclosure forms were discussed. Board suggested that add definition of immediate family and have Jodi Valentino review the document.
- C. Damage assessment, marketing and re-opening plan was discussed by Ed Bergeron. Establishing metrics, protocols and guidelines for future events like Covid-19 should be established. Ed Bergeron also discussed that EMCOG could possibly assist with this

project since they are in the process of updating the CEDS for the region. Katherine Methner noted that Mike Beatty Emergency Manager for Roscommon County might have some disaster protocols that could be transitioned to economic disasters.

- D. Recommendation to reappoint Pam Kincaid to the EDC Board was made by Theresa Ekdorn and supported by Katherine Methner. All approved.
- E. Board member interest was discussed. There are two individuals that are interested in joining the board; however, there is only one vacancy available. Adding ad-hoc members to our existing by-laws may be a solution.

Board Member Reports: None

Commissioner Reports:

- A. Bob Schneider spoke about the Michigan Safe Start Plan that has Roscommon County in Region 6. He also spoke about the NEMCOG and EMCOG issue since Roscommon County is in both regions. He will be reaching out to legislatures for clarification. Katherine Methner suggested that he contact Sue Fortune at EMCOG. Bob Schneider also spoke about the reopening plan for the county building.

Guest Comments: None

Agenda Items for next meeting:

Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest disclosure form, reopening plan, board member recruitment plan

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 8:50