

NVEDD Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Zoom Meeting @ 1:00

- Please see the attached attendance matrix for those attending the meeting.
- Meeting was called to order at 1:04 PM and introductions were made
- A motion to accept the February minutes was made by Jim L and seconded by Bob B and passed unanimously.
- John Mandeville presented Leah Hollenberger to fill an NVEDD Board seat, Leah is an employee of NVU. Floyd N. made the motion to appoint Leah to the vacant Lamoille board seat and the motion was seconded by Jim L., the motion passed unanimously.
- Out presentation today was made by Elaine Collins, President of NVU.
  - The State Colleges hired a firm to evaluate the sustainability of the Vermont State College System
  - The recommendations included the following:
    - Consolidate NVU, Castleton and VTC
      - Two entities CCV and all others
    - Structure would include one president, one provost etc.
    - Implement a broader range of courses
    - Recommendations would take affect Fall of 2023
    - Need 97 million more in funding
    - Currently looking for a project manager
  - President Collins gave an overview of the economic impacts.
- The EDA COVID Recovery Plan was presented by Alec and Tasha
  - Final plan to be presented to the NVEDD Board at the end of June
  - Outreach to stakeholders and communities is being done
  - Alec was to share the current draft with the Board prior to April 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - Annie Mclean was working on the NVDA Recovery Plan as well.
- Legislative Update:
  - Chris Saunders- Senator Leahy's office spoke about the ARPA community funds and how they should be used is yet to be determined.
    - There will be specific dollars towards broadband.
    - Waiting on Treasury direction re: uses.
  - Katarina Lisaius- Senator Sanders office shared that the Senator will be doing community meetings.
    - There is still money left over from PPP but businesses should act fast
    - \$350 million will be directed towards school systems.
  - Fauna Hurley – Congressman Welch's office reinforced that how funds should be spent is still TBA
    - PPP program is extended to the end of May

- The delegation fielded questions from the Board re: workforce development, housing, childcare and municipal funding.
- Rich Grogan from the Northern Borders Regional Commission shared that they received 34 Letters of Intent from Vermont entities and that the grant round is open til May 14<sup>th</sup>. Applications include healthcare, infrastructure and workforce.
- There was no Old Business brought before the Board.
- The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.
- Motion to adjourn was made by Dave S. and seconded by Catherine D. and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy J. Smith.