

West Central Vermont CEDS – Strategy Committee

Friday, October 20, 2023– 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM VIA ZOOM

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81006040552>

Taylor Newton, CCRPC
Alex Demoly, GBIC
Sam Andersen, GBIC
Adam Lougee, ACRPC
Lyle Jepson, CEDRR
Cooper Babbitt, CDERR
Devon Neary, RRPC
Christian Meyer, CVRPC

Taylor kicked off the meeting by welcoming everyone at about 10:02 a.m.

1. Changes/adjustment to agenda:

Taylor asked for any changes to the agenda. Hearing none proposed, he continued.

2. Minutes – September 15, 2023:

Taylor requested a motion to adopt the previous meeting minutes. Sam Andersen moved to approve the September meeting minutes. Adam Lougee seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. Grant Closeout:

Taylor submitted the grant closeout information to EDA and is awaiting confirmation from them that everything is in order and that the CEDS grant is closed.

4. Economic Development District (EDD):

Taylor noted that all partners except GBIC have signed a resolution to form an EDD. GBIC will bring the resolution before its board in November. **Taylor volunteered CCRPC to take the lead in preparing the EDD application. They will start work on it in November and hope to complete it by the end of the year.**

Fred Kenney had agreed previously to develop a template letter for letters of support from both businesses and municipalities. Each region agreed they would try to secure at least two business letters and three municipal letters. Generally, RPCs will secure the municipal letters and RDCs will secure the business letters.

Taylor will also contact Secretary Kurrle and ask for her help securing the Governor’s letter of support.

5. EDA Planning and Technical Assistance grant -

Taylor noted that previously we had discussed applying for an EDA technical assistance and planning grant. RRPC and CVRPC had volunteered to write the grant application. Links to the grant and other funding opportunities are below. Everyone should review and help RRPC and CVRPC with suggestions concerning the content of the grant application. Specifically, suggesting tasks to include that will implement the CEDS and a budget necessary to support that work.

EDA Planning and Technical Assistance Grant: [here](#)

EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance grant that just came out [here](#).

Other EDA funding opportunities? [Link to Funding Opportunities](#)

6. Upcoming meetings -

- a. Friday, November 17th at 10 AM
- b. Friday, December 15th at 10:00 a.m.

8. Adjournment - Sam moved to adjourn. Devon seconded the motion to adjourn. By unanimous consent, Taylor adjourned the meeting at 10:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Lougee