



Maine Community Development Association

MCDA Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 14, 2022

10:00AM

Attendees: Scott LaFlamme, Jen Peters, Stephen Dyer, Tracy Desjardins, EJ Roach, Nancy Ketch, Douglas Ray, Darryl Sterling, Tony Levesque, Deborah Johnson, Kathy White, Tammy Knight, Tony Levesque, Galen Weibley

Welcome and Introductions (Scott LaFlamme): Members gave introductions.

Acceptance of Agenda: Scott LaFlamme asks all attending members if there are any changes to the meetings agenda that should be made. No members answer they believe anything should be added to the agenda.

Acceptance of May 12 Minutes: LaFlamme asks for a motion to accept the minutes. Tammy Knight motions, seconded by Jen Peters, vote is unanimous in the affirmative. No comments or corrections are made.

Acceptance of Financials: LaFlamme asks for motion. Motioned by Darryl Sterling, seconded by Tammy Knight. Vote is unanimous in the affirmative.

CDBG Program (Deborah Johnson): Deborah Johnson has submitted the plan for grants to HUD and was told that it will be arriving soon with the funds for 2022 projects. She has had preliminary discussions for the 2023 year, though it is still unclear as Congress has not yet decided fully the details. Johnson mentions the importance of new housing projects and notes they may be lowering the per project cap on funds as economic development projects are often the riskier ventures for this grant program.

Membership (Tony Levesque): Gained new member with a renewal from Lisbon, bringing it up to 34 members. Matt has volunteered to check in with Bowdoinham and Brunswick. Mentions that they are still looking for new membership and listed a series of townships that should be possibly reached out to.

Professional Development (Scott LaFlamme/Tracy Desjardins): New opportunities and membership opportunities are available for professional development. Tracy Desjardins brings up question asking for specific date for professional development. LaFlamme proposes end of August as a possible time frame. Tony proposes Friday August 26th. Conversation was had on what sorts of things should be included in the professional development meeting, and whether it should be a primarily networking event or if it should include presentations or other information on what members are up to in their respective positions.

Communications (Scott LaFlamme): Scott LaFlamme volunteers to work with Emily Ruger on a communications subcommittee to establish a communications strategy. Nancy Ketch and Jen

Peters express interest in also helping on this subcommittee. LaFlamme brings up possibility of website, social media, or email communications strategies.

Other Business: There was no other business.

Next Meeting: Meeting is established for August 26th.

Adjournment: LaFlamme asks for motion to adjourn, motioned by Darryl Sterling, and seconded by Nancy Ketch. Vote is unanimous to the affirmative. Meeting is adjourned.