

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 12, 2010, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

NRPC Office, 155 Lake Street, St. Albans

Attendance: Colleen Steen, Paul Larner, Mike Guernsey, David Peirce, Pat Howrigan, Laz Scangas, Catherine Dimitruk

Challenges for Change

C. Dimitruk reviewed the results of the legislative session and the resulting Act 146. RPCs will have a new process with allocations based on the formula and payments based upon performance. There will be no forced mergers or consolidations. There will be considerable follow-up and additional tasks- such as the RPC performance evaluations and additional cooperation with the RDCs including examining co-location opportunities. Committee members noted the strong support that came in the form of letters, calls and emails from our local officials and Board members and how this made a difference. There remains concern about the implementation but C. Dimitruk noted that the RPCs remain cautiously optimistic.

In recognition of the hard work staff did to maintain the office during the time Dimitruk was at the statehouse L. Scangas moved to grant staff a day off with pay. P. Larner seconded. Motion carried. Staff is to use the day prior to the 4th of July holiday.

FY 11 Budget and Workplan

C. Dimitruk provided an overview of the budget and workplan for next year. There will be no substantial changes, though due to Challenges for Change the state funds are only guaranteed in their current form through February 2011. Additional expenses will include expanded government relations assistance procured through VAPDA.

Other Business

EDCNV- the Committee discussed the current state of the organization and NRPC's assistance completing the required Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.
Brownfields RLF- the Committee discussed the next steps in setting up the RLF program. A program management guide will be created and reviewed/approved by the Board.
Office Space- C. Dimitruk reported that she had looked at potential spots in buildings adjacent to FCIDC. Committee members discussed establishing a building location committee when there are potential locations to evaluate.

There being no further business, P. Larner moved to adjourn. L. Scangas seconded. Motion carried.