



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13th, 2024, 8:30 AM

MEETING DETAILS

Virtual: Teams Meeting, ID: 230 109 419 358, Pass: eSPDaK

In-Person: 16 Evelyn Street, 2nd Floor, Rutland, VT 05701

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Ellen Coyle (City of Rutland), Ethan Zorzi (OMYA), Maria Burt (HireAbility), Wendy Morse (VDoL), Devon Neary (RRPC)

RRPC Staff: Greg Poelker

Public: Nancy Shuttleworth (VtSBDC)

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 AM by Poelker after delegated by Vice-Chair Morse. Introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 13th AGENDA

No quorum.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 11th MINUTES

No quorum.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

No public comments.

JUNE 2024 FINANCIALS

Poelker provided an update on the June 2024 Financials. For informational purposes only. June 2024 Financials are still being finalized as part of the fiscal year closeout process. Financials will be sent to RRWIB Board of Directors and posted publicly once available.

DEPT OF LABOR SUBMITTED PROPOSAL REVIEW



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Poelker provided a review of the programmatic timelines within the submitted WORC 6 Grant Proposal. The first year will consist of a smaller pilot cohort, with an increased scope each year following. Coyle asked what the hourly rate for job training included in the proposal is, and Poelker responded that he believed that \$16.00 per hour, 40 hours a week, for five weeks is budgeted in the application. Poelker to confirm this later. **Budget for training wages within application is \$18.00 per hour, 40 hours a week, for 5.33 weeks, with a 0.0765 FICA allocation.** Coyle asked if employers may be able to supplement the wages paid through the grant. Poelker responded that this is hopefully possible, but that he is unsure, and this is a question that can be resolved by a U.S. Department of Labor Project Officer if the grant is awarded. Poelker then gave an overview of a detailed timeline for the first year of the program, noting that there will be a fast turnaround to begin programming if funding is awarded. Fall Financial Reality Fair planning was discussed. Morse gave an overview of what preparatory work may be required to hold a Financial Reality Fair this fall, and informed the Board that the planning should not be difficult, but working into a school's schedule is the biggest challenge. Morse explained that in the Bennington Region the Financial Reality Fair programs used to be run with sophomores, but are now run with juniors and seniors, which is a more appropriate age level. Poelker to begin working to set up a December Fair this month. Poelker gave brief overview of second and third year of program. Coyle asked if there will be monitoring involved in the program to measure long-term success. Poelker said that the U.S. Department of Labor will want to track longer-term outcomes, but it may not be possible in the case of every participant. Poelker told the Board that more information regarding the submitted application will be sent out once it is known, and that an update on Financial Reality Fair planning will also be coming soon.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted by Greg Poelker.