



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of
October 14, 2009

PLACE: Northern Maine Community College
DATE: October 14, 2009 9:00 a.m.

Attendance: Virginia Joles-Chair, Nate Berry, Eileen Carey, Dr. Richard Cost, Patti Crooks, Jim Davis, Steve Fitzpatrick, Doug Morrell, Bruce Sandstrom and Dr. Don Zillman.

Members Excused: Mike Bosse, Bob Clark, Jon McLaughlin, Tim Vernon and Jason Parent.

Others Present: Phil Bosse-Senator Collins' Office, Walt Elish and Judy Dinsmore.

1.) Business Breakfast – Excise Tax and TABOR II Referendums:

After the Business Breakfast regarding the two referendum questions on Excise Tax and TABOR II, the LEAD Board meeting was held in the NMCC Library conference room.

2.) Call To Order:

Chair Joles brought the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

3.) Welcome – Introductions/Current Events of Interest:

Chair asked for updates or current events of interest from the Board members in attendance.

Bruce Sandstrom: Announced that the new walk-in clinic is now opened at Wal-Mart in Presque Isle.

Eileen Carey: Announced that by next year Aroostook County will have two of the venues in the world that will be able to hold biathlon events.

Walt Elish: Invited the LEAD Board members to the upcoming Mobilize Maine Indigenous Resource Mapping exercises which will be held from 11:30-1:30 p.m.:

October 20: Lakeview Restaurant, St. Agatha
October 21: Hampton Inn, Presque Isle
October 22: Houlton Regional Hospital

4.) Approval of September 9, 2009 Minutes of LEAD Board of Directors Meeting:

MOTION:

Motion made by Dr. Cost, seconded by Dr. Zillman to approve the September 9, 2009 LEAD Board of Directors meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

5.) Financial Report:

Mr. Elish presented the Board with the Financial Report.

Profit and Loss Statement:

(Income)

Dues: -\$1,025

Interest Income: \$8.38

Member Meeting: -\$90

Total Income: -\$1,107

(Expenses)

Member Meeting: \$41.25

Transportation Fund Expenses: \$1,050

Total Expenses: \$1,092

Net Income: -\$2,198

Balance Sheet:

Operating Cash: \$24,718

Total Assets: \$24,718

Deferred Dues: \$50

Total Liabilities: \$50

Opening Balance Equity: \$12,741

Retained Earnings: \$5,534

Net Income: \$6,393

Total Equity: \$24,668
Total Liabilities and Equity: \$24,718

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Morrell, seconded by Mr. Berry to accept the Financial Report as presented.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

6.) Committee Reports:

- a. Advocacy/Legislation/Programs – Jon McLaughlin, Nate Berry and Tim Vernon

Mr. Berry reviewed the TABOR II and Excise Tax issues with the Board.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Sandstrom, seconded by Ms. Crooks to take no position on Question 4 – TABOR II.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

Mr. Berry reviewed the Excise Tax issue with the Board.

MOTION:

Motion made by Ms. Crooks, seconded by Mr. Berry to remain non-partial on the Excise Tax question as presented.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed with Dr. Cost opposing.

- b. Business Recognition – Patti Crooks and Mike Bosse

Ms. Crooks announced that she is creating guidelines on how to approach this effort and will have this information ready for the November LEAD meeting.

- c. Energy – TBD

Mr. Elish announced that he met with Hayes Gahagan to discuss the progress with the Loring steam plant.. He suggested that we should reach out to others outside of LEAD to spearhead LEAD's energy committee. He suggested Ed Wright of First Wind or Carl Flora of LDA.

d. Entrepreneur of the Year – Linda Smith and Dr. Zillman

Dr. Zillman announced that Ms. Smith will be holding a meeting this month to discuss plans for next year's Entrepreneur of the Year event.

e. Membership – Executive Committee

- November 10, 2009 Board Meeting in Houlton (invite a guest)
Location TBD – Jon McLaughlin
- Education Topic – Houlton Energy Park

f. Publicity/Political Forums – Jason Parent and Dr. Zillman

Dr. Zillman announced that he has no report at this time. Jason Parent will begin to publicize the Entrepreneur of the Year, once the sub-committee gives him the okay to do so.

g. Transportation – Dick Haines and Doug Morrell

Rail Meeting:

Mr. Morrell updated the Board on the recent rail meeting indicating that more than 60 people attended the public meeting at UMPI last Tuesday to discuss the development of the Maine Rail Plan. State officials were told by those in attendance that the most pressing statewide and regional rail issue facing them is the fear that Aroostook County may lose vital rail service in the near future. The majority of those who attended said they are most concerned that Montreal, Maine and Atlantic Railway desires to sell or abandon its tracks between Millinocket and Madawaska. The meeting was attended by municipal leaders, business and economic development officials and private citizens. Commissioner Dave Cole assured the attendees that the state wants to do more than just meet the requirements of federal law. It was noted however that if the rail should leave, it won't be back.

7. Other Business:

a. Brownfield's Initiative Grant Application – Letter of Support

Chair Joles indicated that she received responses to her email from Board members concerning the letter of support to NMDC for their Brownfield grant application. She is recommending that LEAD send a letter of support.

MOTION:

Motion made by Dr. Cost, seconded by Mr. Morrell to authorize Chair Joles to write a letter of support for NMDC's Brownfield grant application.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- b. Business Breakfast Oct. 30, 2009 Coleen Quint, Mitchell Institute, Chris Rogeski, UMPI

Chair Joles announced that there will be an evening meeting for Mitchell Award Scholars. The next morning will be a recognition breakfast. Jason Parent will be publicizing. Coleen Quint of the Mitchell Institute will be here along with Chris Rogeski from UMPI.

Fee is \$10 – RSVP to Ethelyn Boyd of UMPI.

- c, Business Breakfast Dec. 2, 2009 Wayne Kilcollins, NMCC and Kurt Adams, First Wind

Chair announced that Curt Adams of First Wind will be presenting at the November breakfast (December 2, 2009). Also, Wayne Kilcollins, wind generation instructor at NMCC will also be invited to give a presentation.

Mr. Elish announced that the Natural Resources Council of Maine would like to meet with a group of business leaders to discuss their organization's efforts on the Clean Energy program and federal climate change legislation.

Dr. Zillman indicated that he felt there is a possible business potential with this group.

It was the consensus of the Board to invite the Council to the December LEAD meeting.

8. Adjournment:

There being no further business to conduct, Chair Joles declared the meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Davis
Secretary

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