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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – 10/17/25

Location: Zoom Meeting Online
Directors Attending in Person: None
Directors Attending Remotely: Conrad Harris, Jill Jaret-Rossi, Ron Carter, Andrea Cohen, Dody Day, Tina Norton, Joe Woodin, Emma Schumann
Directors Excused: Erik Remmers
Also Attending: LEDC Executive Director Pat Ripley

LEDC ED Pat Ripley called the meeting to order at 8 a.m. Friday, October 17th. Board members did not have any additions or changes to the agenda. Board Member Joe Woodin mentioned that he would like to see the board meet in person at times during the year and several other board members agreed, adding that it would be good to continue with a zoom option as well. LEDC ED Pat Ripley mentioned that the LEDC offices cannot currently accommodate in person and zoom meetings due to a lack of necessary equipment. Copley Hospital was mentioned as a possible location as well as Union Bank. LEDC ED Pat Ripley said that the board had tried hybrid meetings in the past but that they were not well attended, adding that it would be worth trying the concept again at least for some of the meetings, but likely not all. He agreed to look at coming months for an in-person meeting as scheduling allows. The group then turned its attention to the September 19th meeting minutes. There were no changes or additions to the minutes suggested. Emma Schumann motioned to approve the minutes and Jill Jaret Rossi seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The group then turned its attention to the monthly financial reports. LEDC ED Pat Ripley said there was nothing significant to note in the financial reports and that spending remains in line with the annual budget. He did outline changes to CD accounts for the board, explaining that two of the CDs will be extended with one moving to Community Bank NA. There were no questions from the board regarding the monthly financial reports. Jill Jaret-Rossi motioned to approve the financial reports and Joe Woodin seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The group then turned its attention to a healthcare coverage request from ED Pat Ripley, who is seeking to add family healthcare coverage benefits to his compensation package. Currently, no coverage is offered. The board expressed an interest in discussing the matter privately and requested additional information in order to make a decision. ED Pat Ripley agreed to provide that information but also encouraged the board to make a decision soon due to the November 1 open enrollment date.

The group then considered a request from Vermont State College Dean David Kupferman to join the LEDC Board of Directors. A motion was made by Andrea Cohen to add him to the board and Ron Carter seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously. LEDC ED Pat Ripley also provided a brief update on upcoming events and legislative breakfasts, as well as the LEDC Annual Luncheon held earlier in the week.

There were no questions regarding ED Pat Ripley's monthly report. The meeting adjourned at 8:46 a.m.