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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – 9/18/26

Location: Zoom Meeting Online
Directors Attending in Person: None
Directors Attending Remotely: Dody Day, Andrea Cohen, Ron Carter, Tina Norton, David Kupferman, Erik Remmers
Directors Excused: Joe Woodin, Jill Jaret-Rossi, Conrad Harris
Also Attending: LEDC Executive Director Pat Ripley, LCPC Executive Director Tasha Wallis, Cambridge 360 representatives Sharon Laidlaw and Jamie Gruol.

LEDC ED Pat Ripley called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. Friday, September 18th. The board introduced themselves to guests Sharon Laidlaw and Jamie Gruol of Cambridge 360 to start the meeting before turning its attention to approval of minutes from the August 21 meeting. No changes or additions to the minutes were requested. Andrea Cohen made a motion to approve the minutes and Dody Day seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The group then turned its attention to the August financial reports. LEDC ED Pat Ripley said there were no major changes or issues to report with LEDC financing and that Q1 payments had come in as expected. Tina Norton motioned to approve the financial reports and Andrea Cohen seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The group then heard from LCPC Director Tasha Wallis. She updated the group on several LCPC initiatives including downtown and village center tax credit applications and a $200,000 VTrans grant for rail trail pause places. She also said the FEMA buyout process has begun on the former Sterling Market property in Johnson.

The group then heard from Cambridge 360 representatives Sharon Laidlaw and Jamie Gruol. They provided an in-depth presentation outlining progress at the Cambridge Community Center, which the group is working to purchase through several funding sources. Additional dollars are needed to get the project across the finish line. Cambridge 360 is seeking funding assistance and support from LEDC to help finalize the project, which also includes building renovations, flood resistance planning and one employee. The project was discussed at length and LEDC agreed to consider potential funding assistance for the project. Board members also expressed interest in additional information on the project and setting up a tour of the facility, which LEDC ED Pat Ripley agreed to follow up on with Cambridge 360.

LEDC ED Pat Ripley then pointed to a website redesign project that has been under consideration. The current proposal calls for a $25,000 spend for the work. The board requested additional proposals and potential cost-cutting measures and LEDC ED Pat Ripley agreed to follow up to obtain additional proposals and to see if there are ways to reduce the project cost.

There were no questions on ED Pat Ripley's monthly report and no community announcements. The meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.