

January 8, 2024

RCT Board of Trustees minutes

Present: Carole O'Connell, Jonathan Davis, Nicole Gratton, Justin (Tin) Barton-Caplin, Judy Nommik, Kitty Toll, Alec Jones

Guests: Caleb Grant, Cynthia Stewart, Mike Moore, Jeremy Whiting, Nick Lange, Melissa Seymour, Sarah Braese, Pia Roper (BoardEffects Rep)

Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Justin Barton-Caplin

Public comments, modifications to the agenda

- Elaine Haytko cannot make it today.

Lamoille County Board Seat

- **Judy made a motion to appoint Nick Lange to fill the Lamoille County Board Seat vacated by Emily. Seconded by Nicole. Approved 7-0.**

Introductions

- Caleb introduced Sarah Braese as a perspective Board member.

Meeting Minutes

- **Judy moved to approve the minutes for the December 11, 2023, meeting. Seconded by Kitty. Motion carried, 7-0.**

VTRANS Update by Jeremy Whiting

- VTRANS is expecting a flat to 2% budget increase for the year.
- Jeremy is visiting RCT later in the week.

Finance

- Mike shared the November financial statements.

- The line of credit from Passumpsic Bank is currently \$100,000.
- **Judy made a motion to pursue an increase of the line of credit up to a maximum of \$300,000.**
- **Seconded by Carole. Motion carried 7-0.**
- Caleb gave an update of the Medicaid budget adjustment through DHVA.

Executive Director updates by Caleb

- The braided services study will be complete soon. Discussion of where Medicaid trips fit into the transportation model.
- Caleb has proposed that DHVA move to a reimbursement model.
- The VPTA is conducting a Local funding study seeking an alternative to the current funding using town appropriations.
- Update about a bill submitted by Rep. Carpenter to the benefit of RCT. It addresses transportation concerns of Rural Vermont and asks to study Mobility for All model.
- The Newport lawsuit failed to settle and will go to trial. There is no financial liability to RCT.

Update of the Strategic Planning by Cynthia

- Cynthia has been working with the leadership team on Visions and Missions.
- The rider surveys are slowly being completed.
- Different community designs were discussed.

Pia from BoardEffects gave a virtual tour.

Leadership team update from Melissa

- The call center is fully staffed.
- Medicaid has updated guidelines. A mailing was sent by RCT to members which must be signed and returned to RCT to be eligible for rides. The update should allow RCT to have options for members displaying disruptive behavior.

Overview of future board priorities was presented by Caleb. They include:

- Legislative overview
- Strategic Plan
- Rebrand of RCT
- Possibility of in-person meetings

Motion to adjourn at 10:59 by Jonathan, seconded by Judy.

