

TRORC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**King Farm
Woodstock VT**

March 6, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Bill Emmons, Chair; John Echeverria, Vice Chair, Nancy Jones, Secretary, David Brandau, Ken Alton, Peter Gregory, Executive Director, Geena Baber, Planner and Mary Olmo, Finance Manager.

1. Call to Order/Changes to Agenda:

Chair Emmons convened the meeting at 3:06 p.m. A quorum was declared by the Chair. No changes were made to the agenda.

2. Public Comment:

No public comments were received.

3. Approval of the January 10, 2024, Minutes:

On a motion made by Echeverria, and Seconded by Berger the Minutes of the February 14, 2024, meeting were approved.

4. Acceptance of unaudited February Financial Reports

Everything is as expected, we had a little bit of delays in receiving funds, we have cleaned up those. Mary has been diligent with getting AR payments to us. We had a couple Vermont Community Loan letters come in with amounts earned in interest, which is reflected in the Interest Income Line. Scholarships are still trickling in and are awaiting a response from a few students. Commissioner Jones and Scholarship Committee stated that a new issue arose regarding the new format of schooling. One student was in a trimester and the scholarship committee decided to see the report of both 1st and 2nd trimester grades prior to releasing funds. The committee will continue to assess new issues as they arise.

Commissioner Echeverria asked if TRORF funds had been used for shared services. Not yet as staff capacity is not there.

On a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Echeverria the unaudited February Financials were accepted.

5. Chapter 2 and 12 review of Regional Plan Drafts

On a motion made by Echeverria and seconded by Jones Chapter 2 and 12 were approved with feedback from the Committee members.

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6. **Updates: Staffing, ACT 250, Legislation and Projects**

TRORC Executive Director Peter Gregory stated that he has been active at the Legislature regarding Act 250 and how it pertains to regional planning. RPCs are front and center regarding Act 250. The sentiment is that the regional planning commissions are viewed as partisan voices. Executive Director Gregory stated that he is in the Legislative room frequently when Act 250 issues are discussed.

On a question from Commissioner Echeverria regarding Tier 3, Gregory stated that could possibly go to rule making, but that regional planning will still process mapping i.e. critical natural resources.

Staffing

Harry, has done a great job of stepping on IREC but we are still in need of one more Planner most likely.

7. **March full board meeting**

The March full board meeting will be held Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at Thompson Senior Center, 99 Senior Lane, Woodstock, VT 05091 at 6:30 pm. Possible presenters are Let's Grow Kids and VELCO.

Meeting adjourned at 4:49 pm

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on **April 10, 2024.**

Meeting Minutes prepared by:
Mary Olmo, March 6, 2024