

NLREDA BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 13TH, 2010-01-14

VIA CONFERENCE CALL

On line:

Clyde Wells, Chair

Lloyd Harnum, V-chair

Harold Mallowney, Treasurer

Dave Hiscock, Secretary

Wesley Harris(Central Rep)

Linda Dumaresque(Lab. Rep)

Leanne Philpott (ACOA)

Gary Bolger(Lab. Rep)

Michelle Power (INTRD)

Ted Lomond, Executive Director

Marilyn Curtis, Recorder

8:35 p.m. The meeting was brought to order by Clyde Wells, Chair.

Agenda:

It was moved by Harold Mallowney, seconded by Wesley Harris to accept agenda as circulated.

Unanimous

Minutes:

It was moved by Lloyd Harnum, seconded by Harold Mallowney to adopt the minutes of December 5, 2009 as circulated.

Unanimous

Financial Report:

Everything pretty much on target as budgeted. It was noted that Zone 1 Nunatsiavut Government has an outstanding balance of \$5,687.50. A discussion took place of whether NLREDA should write off this amount as we have tried everything to get in touch with this zone, but have been unsuccessful.

Leanne Philpott advised the Board that she had a scheduled meeting with Tim McNeil from Zone 1 later this month and volunteered to mention the outstanding debt to them and open up dialogue between them and NLREDA.

New Business

Performance Management Training:

Ted advised the Board that the selection committee had narrowed it down to 2 companies, but there was no consensus for either of them. There were issues with price and expertise. A new proposal arrived from BMB, an Ottawa Consulting firm which has done previous work with the funders of this project. The Province and ACOA both agreed that they demonstrated the right price and demonstrated expertise.

A conference call is being set up for Friday January 15th to discuss the following:

1. Take the consultants materials and put it in CCB format with lesson plans, ice-breakers, whatever a facilitator like Ken Kavanagh or Regan Power would need to instruct/facilitate.
2. Observe the initial training and, based on this and the REDBs actual efforts to implement PM, develop any supporting materials required.
3. We would need access to the materials to take them and use them, even set up a Community Capacity Building Module.
4. Take ownership of the materials.

Much discussion took place concerning the process used to select the consulting firm. It was noted that the 3rd proposal came in after the closing date and NLREDA Board Members felt that going out of the Province would be perceived as a negative for NLREDA. The board feels as if they have no choice with this selection but Chair, Clyde Wells will voice these concerns at the protocol meeting on Friday.

NLREDA Board to be kept posted on the Friday meeting.

Co-Op Next Steps:

Ted gave an overview of this project: NLREDA with the support of NLFC submitted a proposal to the national Cooperative Development Initiative (CDI) to advance the development of an organizational services cooperative. NLREDA has been approved for \$48,825.00 has been approved to proceed with this initiative. The funding covers the following three activities:

1. The development of a concept paper, by-laws, incorporation, registration with the director of co-ops.
2. Business Plan development
3. Member recruitment

A steering committee has been set up for this initiative consisting of the following:

Ted Lomond , Chair

Johnny MacPherson, Member

Regan Power, Member

Barb Marshall, Member

Conrad Collier, Member

Glen Fitzpatrick, Support

Next steps are:

Ted is approaching ACOA for \$5,000.00 CAS funding to assist with the business plan development. Ted and Glen will pull together a concept paper for review by the steering committee and arrange a teleconference of the steering committee to:

- Review the goals and deliverables of the project.
- Provide feedback on the concept paper.
- Discuss potential BP consultants.
- Provide input into the BP terms of reference.

This initiative has the potential to save Time and Money for the REDBs.

NLREDA's Board agreed that this was an excellent initiative and was in line with the discussion held at the Blue Sky Strategic Planning Session.

Web Site Improvements:

Clyde Wells advised the board that our website has had many new additions over the last 2 or 3 weeks. Blogs have been set up where ED's are to have confidential access with Ted as moderator and Chairs with Clyde as moderator. This was discussed at the Blue Sky Session and all agreed that this was a good communications tool. It was noted that the map needs fixing. Everyone was asked to look at the site and offer their suggestions for improvements. NLREDA.ca

Status of Other Projects.

Nova Scotia – undertaking Atlantic Best Practices Network, Virtual Presentations. A good fit for Best Practices as discussed at Blue Sky Session.

CNA Partnership Agreement: Motion moved by Gary Bolger, seconded by Harold MULLOWNEY **“ NLREDA enter into a formal collaboration agreement with CNA as recommended by the Partnership Committee”.**

Other associations such as the Francophone Assoc, RDA's have approached NLREDA wanting partnership and it was decided that the Partnership committee discuss and get back to the board on their decision.

Clyde Wells, chair reiterated that NLREDA Committees need to become functional.

A discussion took place on a date for a 2 day Strategic Planning. It is hoped to have it done before the end of February. It was decided that the Board Members advise Marilyn of the dates they are available.

Adjournment 9.40 pm:

With no further business it was moved by Linda Dumaresque the meeting adjourn.