



## NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 21, 2021  
 Virtual Video & Phone  
 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Doug Grant, Chair; Paul Robitaille, Secretary; Jennifer Fish, Treasurer; and Robin Irving, Vice Chair (tardy).

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Michelle Moren-Grey, Executive Director; and James Steele, Finance Manager

### Call to Order

Chairperson Grants calls the meeting to order.

- **Virtual Public Hearing Language**
- **Attendance**

Roll call was taken.

### Minutes December 17, 2020 Meeting

**MOTION:** Board Member Fish moved to accept the Minutes of December 17, 2020, as presented. It was seconded by Board Member Robitaille.

**Chairperson Grant:** Yes

**Board Member Robitaille:** Yes

**Board Member Fish:** Yes

**Board Member Martland:** Abstained

**The motion carried. (3-0-1).**

### Financial Report

- **Treasurer's Report - December 2020**

Michelle Moren-Grey screen-shared the report. James Steele touched on a few key points:

- \$24,806 - overall profit for the year
- Operating account shows decrease of \$29,878, which will go back up once the money received from DOT invoices is reflected on the report.
- Municipal dues are 100% covered for what was budgeted.

Mr. Steele continued to go over the report. Discussion was had regarding the report, in particular with regards to the BFA loan. He also went over the town membership, touching upon the dues that were collected.

## Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3, II

None.

### Other Business

- **Coos County Broadband Committee - Update**

Ms. Moren-Grey provided an update regarding the formation of the Committee, as well as went over the meetings that took place. She touched upon some of the discussion points, which are addressing the challenges the region is facing in terms of broadband. Discussion was had regarding how this impacts towns that are not facing broadband challenges in the region, as well as whether any town has successfully negotiated with an ISP under the threat of competition to get better rates.

- **NCCDC - Update**

Ms. Moren-Grey provided an update, indicating that she received the email that says that the State acknowledged the successful filing of the dissolution of NCCDC.

- **Other**

Chairperson Grant asked whether other regions are doing as well as NCC. Ms. Moren-Grey indicated that the other RPCs are holding their own, although there are shared concerns about dues during the pandemic. Mr. Steele spoke about the Directors meeting that he sat in on, and relayed how other Agencies were having a real difficult time keeping track of some of their staff, as far as remote working. Ms. Moren-Grey added that the remote work at NCC, while there have been challenges, they have overcome them and things are running smoothly. Discussion was had regarding the ease of attending meetings and the hopes that remote access will continue post-pandemic times.

Member Martland inquired whether there would be Commissioner meetings this year. Ms. Moren-Grey noted that the first one will be in March 2021 and that she's working with Katie on that one, because there's some transportation work that needs to be approved by the full Commission.

### Adjourn

**MOTION: Board Member Robitaille moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Board Member Fish.**

**Chairperson Grant: Yes**

**Board Member Robitaille: Yes**

**Board Member Fish: Yes**

**Board Member Martland: Yes**

**The motion carried. (4-0-0).**

Respectfully Submitted,

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