

2.18.22 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order

- a. Piper calls the meeting to order at 10:03 AM finding a quorum fit to conduct business.
- b. Horgan calls the roll: Omer Ahern, Jr.(attending virtually, voting via Piper proxy); Lynn Beede (attending virtually); Chris Coates (via Englund proxy); Suzanne Collins (via Pappas proxy); Joe Costanzo (via Lewko proxy); Ross Cunningham (via Lewko proxy); Robert Englund; Jennifer Fish (attending virtually); Jason Henry (via Kivikoski proxy); Kathryn Kindopp (attending virtually, voting via Englund proxy); Carolyn Kirby (via Pappas proxy); Alison Kivikoski; Sara Lewko (via Lewko proxy); Julie Libby (via Piper proxy); Laura Mills (attending virtually); Chad Monier (via Pappas proxy); Chuck Nickerson; Toni Pappas; Wendy Piper; David Ross (via Pappas proxy); Bob Rowe; Debra Shackett (attending virtually); Cathy Stacey (via Kivikoski proxy); Tom Tombarello (via Kivikoski proxy); Stuart Trachy (via Lewko proxy); Sheryl Trombly (attending virtually, voting via Englund proxy); Chuck Weed (via Englund proxy) of the Executive Committee. Danielle Duchesne, Kate Horgan, and Jim Monahan of the Dupont Group.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

- a. Nickerson leads the Executive Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of past meeting minutes (1.21.2022)

- a. Piper presents the minutes from the January 21, 2022, meeting of the Committee. Pappas makes a **MOTION** to approve the minutes. Lewko **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. Piper invokes unanimous consent and hearing no objection, the **MOTION PASSES**.

IV. Presentation from WASTETOENERGYnow.org with Steven Curtis

- a. Steven Curtis presents on recycling nuclear waste.
- b. He offers his contact information as scurtis261@gmail.com.
- c. There is conversation on a renewable energy panel at the 2022 Annual Conference.

V. Financial update – Sue Collins

- a. Horgan explains that dues invoices will be going out shortly.

VI. Contract: NHAC Academy Audio/Visual - Jason Henry

- a. Horgan presents the contract as recommended by the Officers following the acceptance of the \$3,500 Securus check.
- b. Lewko makes a **MOTION** to approve the Stimuli Sight Sounds contract Kivikoski **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. Piper invokes unanimous consent, and hearing no objection, the **MOTION PASSES**.

- c. Pappas makes a **MOTION** to accept the \$3,500 donation from Securus to the Corrections Academy. Weed **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. Piper invokes unanimous consent, and hearing no objection, the **MOTION PASSES**.

VII. Executive Committee appointments

- a. Horgan explains that there are two vacancies:
 - i. One Grafton vacancy – the vacancy also occurs on the Strategic Planning Committee.
 - ii. One Carroll County vacancy.

VIII. NACo Conference Report

- a. Piper reports on her virtual attendance and notes that the virtual session options were limited. Piper recounts that during the Community, Economic and Workforce Development Committee, government agencies presented. The Committee passed a resolution asking that the federal budget include funds to support the creative economy via competitive grants. During the Board of Directors meeting, legislative priorities were discussed such as spending flexibility regarding ARPA and behavioral health. During the general session on Monday, there was discussion on broadband. Judge Gary Moore introduced Sen. Cornyn from TX and Sen. Cornyn spoke about a bill that would allow more flexibility on ARPA spending. Sen. Cornyn asked all counties to write their delegation. Horgan explains that she reached out to Rep. Kuster and Rep. Pappas in support of the bill back in November/December 2021.

IX. Annual Conference

- a. Horgan explains that the Rumford contract has been updated and disseminated and that feedback will be accepted before the next meeting of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee should be prepared to vote on the contract at the next meeting.
- b. Horgan presents the 2022 Annual Conference hotel contract with the Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel as recommended by the Officers, noting the cancellation schedule does not offer the July deadline without penalty. Kivikoski makes a **MOTION** to approve the contract. Pappas **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. Piper invokes unanimous consent, and hearing no objection, the **MOTION PASSES**.

X. Awards Committee

- a. Duchesne explains that the Association will need to form the 2022 Awards Committee at the next meeting. Following the bylaws, NHAC President Piper must request the special committee and call upon the Executive Committee for nominations.
- b. 2021 Awards still not given to their respective counties: Hillsborough and Merrimack.

XI. Strategic Planning Committee update – Derek Ferland

- a. No update.

XII. County-State Finance Committee update – David Ross

- a. Horgan provides that the next meeting is March 18 at 1:00 PM and that the Committee has not met since the last Executive Committee meeting.

XIII. State Government updates

- a. Horgan explains developments over the past week: HB 1439 does not apply to the counties, but an included RSA does apply and an amendment may be offered with exemption language; vaccine bills continue to come up; HB 1026 still only applies to municipalities and schools and does not apply to counties but the Association is keeping an eye on it; criminal justice did vote 21-0 to put HB 1597 on the consent calendar.
- b. On the House floor, HB 1319 was voted ought to pass and went to finance; HB 1224 has been sent to interim study; on the consent calendar, HB 1525 did stay referred to interim study; HB 1176 was pulled off of the consent calendar and went down inexpedient to legislate; HB 1392 went down inexpedient to legislate; HB 1397 was pulled off of the consent calendar and the amendment failed; HB 1417 was overturned with an ITL motion and is going to finance; HB 1604 has been amended to include a conscientious exemption and the bill is headed to finance; regarding HB 1604, Horgan will get numbers from all counties to exhibit how much it will cost each county to present more digestible data.
- c. In the Senate, HB 54 did pass; SB 294 did pass; the two electronic meeting bills did get held over until next week; there is an amendment in the works to SB 344 that would require a quarter of a physical quorum to meet at a physical location; there is a possibility to amend another bill to exempt all boards from physical quorum meeting requirements.

XIV. Affiliate updates

- a. Corrections: No update.
- b. Commissioners Council: No update.
- c. County Attorneys: No update.
- d. Deeds: No update.
- e. Sheriffs: No update.
- f. Human Resources: Kivikoski reports that the Affiliate may change future Affiliate meeting dates.
- g. Nursing homes: Kindopp explains that the Affiliate is digesting all new COVID-19 requirements and CDC rules and regulations. All counties now have a nursing home administrator.
- h. Administrators: Horgan explains that the next meeting of the group will feature Henry Lipman on FMAP.

XV. Other business

- a. No other business.

XVI. Next meeting

- a. The next meeting will be on March 18 at Primex.

XVII. Adjournment

- a. Lewko makes a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. Kivikoski **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. Piper invokes unanimous consent and hearing no objection, the **MOTION PASSES**.

Minutes prepared by Danielle Duchesne on 2.18.22.

Minutes approved on 3.18.22.