

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 4, 2022 7:30 am – 9:30 am Middlebury Inn, Middlebury, Vermont

8: 00 a.m. Welcome:

Fred Kenney, Executive Director, welcomed the members and recognized partner organizations, membership and staff for their support and work (summarized in ACEDC's Annual Impact Report) and introduced Board President Susan Evans McClure.

Business Meeting:

Susan Evans McClure called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone to the 28th ACEDC Annual Meeting.

Introduction of Board Members and Recognition of Outgoing Board Members

Susan introduced and thanked all Board members for their contributions and recognized outgoing Board member Matt Curran of Middlebury College for 7 years of service, including as Board Treasurer.

Approve minutes of 2021 Annual Meeting:

Susan requested a motion to approve the 2021 Annual Meeting minutes.

Gina Larrow moved to approve the minutes and Robert Feuerstein seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously APPROVED.

Election of Board Members:

Susan presented the following nominated slate of new and continuing Directors and asked for a motion to approve:

One-year term:

Sue Ritter, Middlebury College

1st Three-Year Term:

Mark Foster, Foster Brothers Farm/Vermont Natural Ag Products Gina Larrow, Co-op Insurance Christopher Lapierre, National Bank of Middlebury Jason Robart, Seae Ventures Darcy Tarte, TD Bank

Ben Anderson-Ray moved to approve the slate of Directors, which was seconded by Jason Larocque. The motion was unanimously APPROVED.

Annual Review:

Fred Kenney provided an overview of ACEDC activities during FY22. (See powerpoint and Annual Impact Report)

Keynote Speaker:

Dani Douglas, Research & Policy Associate, Center on Rural Innovation (CORI), shared insights, barriers to and potential strategies for tech-based economic development in rural communities. (See powerpoint)

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.