

**Bethel Local Development Corporation**

**October 4, 2023**

The Bethel Local Development Corporation (BLDC) meeting was called to order by Supervisor Sturm at the Duggan Community meeting room on October 4, 2023.

Present: Daniel Sturm  
William Crumley  
Fred Michel  
Victoria Simpson  
Moreen Lerner by Facetime

Absent: Bernard Cohen  
Lillian Hendrickson

Mr. Sturm began the meeting at 6pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and wanted it noted for the record that there was a quorum.

**Minutes**

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve the 6/7/2023 minutes, seconded by Mr. Crumley, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

**Financial Report**

Mr. Sturm went over the Profit & Loss Sheet.

Motion by Mr. Crumley to receive and file, seconded by Mr. Sturm, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Mr. Sturm discussed the CEAP program. He said they were out of funds at this time and would like to use some of the BLDC's unrestricted funds to pay for three CEAP applications. When the funds are raised for CEAP it will replace the money spent.

Motion by Mr. Crumley to approve spending \$600 of the BLDC's unrestricted funds to pay for three CEAP applications, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

**PARIS Report**

Ms. Lerner reviewed the report and said the next report is due March 2024.

**BLDC Activities include but are not limited to:**

Grant writing  
Support economic development, local business  
Farmers Market  
Music and art  
Bethel Business Association

**2023 Grant Writing**

DVAA \$3,000  
Farm East Credit \$500  
Cornell Cooperative \$2,000

Applied for Discretionary Funding \$1,500 (for Indoor Market – March April May)

**2024 Grant Writing**

DVAA proposed \$3,000

Cornell Cooperative \$2,000

**2024 Support Local Business**

Ms. Lerner said many workers are not returning to work due to personal safety concerns, unemployment benefits, housing and transportation. She would like to work to create an internship program that is designed to provide opportunities to learn and advance careers. She would like to partner with SCVA, Chamber of Commerce, SC Community Resources and BOCES.

**2024 Events**

Bethel Lakeside Music

Holiday Lightings

Kauneonga Lake Farmers & Makers Market

Indoor Market – last Saturday in March, April, May

**Bethel Business Association update**

Reported by President, Marie Smith

70 members

Bethel Guides have been distributed.

Next Meet & Greet is at Cunningham Family Farms

Retreat scheduled for 10/10/2023

Being there was no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Simpson to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Crumley, put to a vote and carried 4-0.