

Northern Maine Development Commission
ZOOM/In Person Joint Meeting Minutes of Executive Board and
Loan Committee
February 8, 2024

PLACE: ZOOM/In Person Meeting
DATE: February 8, 2024 3:00 p.m.

Executive Board Attendance: Executive Board Chair Sandra Fournier, Michelle Bernier, Dave Cyr, Martin Dionne, Norm Fournier, Kelly Garrison, Kim Denbow, Max Lynds, Cyr Martin, Suzie Paradis, John Sutherland, Patricia Sutherland, Penny Thompson, and Donna Turner.

Loan Committee Attendance: Johanna Johnston, Ghent Holdsworth, Ryan Shaw, Paul Bouchard, Brian Stoliker, and Melissa Deveau.

Others Present: Amelia Baxter (loan presentation), Robert Clark, Josh Nadeau, Judy Dinsmore, Dan Umphrey, Shawn Manter and Craig Lincoln.

1. Call to Order and Introductions:

EB Chair S. Fournier called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. She asked those attending in person to hand their travel vouchers in for reimbursement to Ms. Dinsmore.

2. Executive Session:

Prior to entering a motion to go into Executive Session Chair S. Fournier asked for any conflicts of interest pertaining to:

- Whole Trees, LLC d/b/a Whole Trees Structures – Ashland
Amelia Baxter, Co-founder/CEO
Suzanne T. Hanifl, Trust
Others listed on the loan presentation

MOTION:

Motion made by Ms. Sutherland seconded by Mr. Fournier to go into Executive Session concerning economic development matters pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405 Subparagraph 6.C.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

Closed Session at: 3:05 p.m.

2A. Presentation on Loan Client:

Whole Trees, LLC d/b/a Whole Trees Structures

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Dionne, seconded by Mr. Lynds to go back into Open Session.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

Open Session at: 4:04 p.m.

3A. Action on Loan Clients Request:

Whole Trees, LLC d/b/a Whole Trees Structures - Ashland

MOTION:

Motion made Mr. Fournier, seconded by Ms. Bernier to approve the loan request as presented.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

3B. Other Business:

None noted.

3C. Adjournment:

There being no further business to conduct, Chair S. Fournier declared the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Bernier
Secretary

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