

COÖS COUNTY DELEGATION
QUARTERLY MEETING
Monday, August 29, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
North Country Resource Center - Lancaster, NH

Present: Representatives Robert Théberge, Chair; Kevin Craig; Arnold Davis; and Edith Tucker. Also Present: Commissioner Raymond Gorman; County Administrator Jennifer Fish; Superintendent Ben Champagne; Director of Finance Carrie Klebe; Nursing Home Administrator Lynn Beede; Sheriff Brian Valerino; Captain Keith Roberge; Erika Canales, CEDC Director; and Administrative Assistant Linda Harris.

Chairman Théberge called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll was called by Acting Clerk, Representative Davis. There were four members present. Representatives Hatch, Laflamme, Merner and Thompson were excused. Representative Kelley was absent. Chairman Théberge announced that there was not a quorum. There would be no approvals or votes taken at the meeting.

Review & Approval of the Minutes of the May 16, 2022, Quarterly Meeting, as distributed: The minutes will be included on the next agenda for approval.

Hearing of the Public: Erika Canales, CEDC Director, stated that she had a report for the Delegation. Chairman Théberge asked that she return for the October meeting as he preferred that all members of the Delegation be in attendance. Ms. Canales agreed to do so.

Old Business: There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

The County Administrator reported that the request for use of Facility Funds was withdrawn. The Nursing Home budget was reviewed, and funds are available through line-item budget transfers.

Subcommittee Reports:

- Representative Craig reported that the Department of Corrections has a low census, but staff are dealing with high-risk inmates and experiencing critically low staffing.
- Commissioner Gorman reported on the Cooperative Extension, on behalf of Representative Kelley, that a forester had been hired and will begin in two weeks.

Any other business:

Chairman Théberge reported that he is working on clarifying the language of RSA 79:14 which pertains to the collection and distribution of normal yield taxes in unincorporated towns and unorganized places. The RSA needs clarification. Representative Tucker advised that she will be a stickler on this issue. The RSA should not be changed for an arrangement that has worked for several years.

The meeting ended at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Arnold Davis
Acting Clerk