

LAMOILLE FIBERNET COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT

Special Governing Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 21st 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Town Representatives and Alternates Attending (V=present and voting; P=present)

Town	P/V	Representative	P/V	Alternate	P/V	Alternate
Cambridge	V	Tim Humphrey	P	Sam Lotto		
Hyde Park	V	Michael Rooney	P	Jack Wool		
Johnson	V	Charlotte Reber	P	Doug Molde		
Morristown	V	Jane Campbell	P	John Meyer		
Waterville	V	Jeff Tilton	P	Lucy Rogers		

Also Attending

Paul Warden (Johnson), Larry Lackey (Stowe), Leo Clark (Stowe), Lea Kilvadyova (Clerk).

Call to Order

7:02pm Michael Rooney called meeting to order

Approval of minutes from July 14, 2020:

Jane Campbell moved, Jeff Tilton seconded to approve July 14 meeting's minutes with typos corrected, as well as clarification in RDOF section that the Board was under the impression it was too late to join the NRTC partnership, which is why discussion centered around joining the Tilson group. Vote 5-0-0

Public comment:

None.

Administrative updates:

- Eden voted to request to join CUD and will be submitting written request soon – waiting for Selectboard signatures. We should have it by next meeting.
- Lea Kilvadyova applied for certificate of formation with Secretary of State, and we have been approved.
- Lea applied for and the EIN/tax identification number.
- Tilton has received 92 responses to our survey so far. Jack Wool will post to Hyde Park FPF, Lucy Rogers and Sam Lotto to Cambridge; (Johnson and Morrisville already posted).
- The State grant application for the Covid Response Community Connectivity Program Grants is out as of yesterday and offers up to \$100,000 per CUD for

planning activities. Applications are accepted on rolling basis, no deadlines but best to apply early.

- Vermont Community Foundation is considering additional donations to CUDs and sent out needs-assessment on Friday, July 17 with the response deadline by Monday, July 20. Several CUD members contributed thoughts.
- We will continue working on a regular meeting date for Governing Board.
- Update on VCUDA meeting. Association was formalized with chair (F.X. Flinn) and secretary (Emily Klofft). Discussion included a moratorium on discussion RDOF, various grant opportunities, budget for VCUDA, proposal to develop an association-wide architectural standard for interconnecting infrastructure among various CUDs, and potential for lobbying in the future.

Organization within Governing Board

Jane Campbell, Tim Humphrey, and Lucy Rogers expressed interest in the Executive Committee. There was discussion of the role of the Executive Committee, which is to create Board agendas, keep work moving forward, meet more frequently than the Governing Board and facilitate ease of communication. All LF CUD committees would be warned and abide by open meeting law. The Board discussed combining the Executive and Finance/Audit Committees as a short term solution while we have fewer funds, with the understanding that eventually it would be good to separate the two functions.

Lea Kilvadyova offered to work on website development, using LEDC's model and funding support. Paul Warden, Jane Campbell, and Jack Wool expressed interest in helping. Michael Rooney mentioned making sure that we own the domain we work with.

Charlotte Reber , Sam Lotto and Jack Wool expressed interest in Technology Committee, with discussion that the role would be to serve as the primary interface with any future tech consultants that we hire, and to consider feasibility of different models of Internet delivery.

Several members expressed interest in attending VCUDA meetings or at least having access to the VCUDA Google Group. In addition to Jane Campbell, Jeff Tilton Michael Rooney, Lea Kilvadyova and Lucy Rogers who have already been in meetings, Jack Wool would like to participate.

Jane Campbell moved, Tim Humphrey seconded, to elect the Chair (Michael Rooney), the Vice Chair (Jeff Tilton), Tim Humphrey, and Jane Campbell as Executive / Finance combined committee members; Jack Wool, Jane Campbell, Paul Warden and Lea Kilvadyova as website committee; and Charlotte Reber, Sam Lotto, Jack Wool as Technology Committee, as well as to ask the Executive Committee to look into whether to change the bylaws so that we can have more than one member from one town. Vote 5-0-0

Banking:

Jeff Tilton moved, Charlotte Reber seconded: "Union Bank." Vote 5-0-0

Now that we have EIN, money can flow directly to us. We no longer need LEDC as fiscal agent. But we DO need a treasurer within a month, to replace Tasha who is our temporary treasurer, so we should begin thinking about that. Discussion of slight preference for a treasurer within our towns, but much stronger preference for someone with the correct skillset, whether or not they come from within the towns. We will also need to develop and adopt a Financial Policy.

Review of Executive and Finance/Audit Committee Charter:

Tim Humphrey moved, Jane Campbell seconded to accept the charters for both the Executive and Finance/Audit Committees, with the redlined changes as sent in the meeting packets. Vote 5-0-0

Tim Humphrey moved, Jane Campbell seconded to adjourn at 8:05pm. Vote 5-0-0