

LAMOILLE FIBERNET COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING
November 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Attending Members

Sam Lotto, Chair (Alt Cambridge)
John Meyer (Alt Morristown)
Larry Lackey (LFCUD Treasurer)
Charlotte Reber (Johnson)
Jack Wool, Clerk (Alt Hyde Park)

Also Attending

Lea Kilvadyova (LFCUD Clerk)

Call to order

Sam Lotto called meeting to order at 06:00pm

Changes to the agenda

Discuss grants and PSD applications

Public comment

None

Minutes Approval 10/21

Jack Wool moved and John Meyer seconded to approve the draft meeting minutes from Sept 28, 2020.
Jack asked for the next meeting date to be changed from 11/18 to 11/17/2020.
John Meyer so moved, Jack Seconded.
Approved with amendment Vote: 5-0-0

Develop a framework/criteria for growing Lamoille FiberNet and partnering with other CUDs

The directive from the executive board was to develop a framework/criteria for accepting new towns into LFCUD.
Reference memo from Michael Rooney as direction to the technology committee.

Data point: The feasibility study stated that we should team up with another CUD in order to have an economy of scale.

John stated that we should be focused on the technology components of these scenarios as to our charter.

Discussion on this subject. There are two areas of discussion, 1) allowing towns (perhaps only adjacent) to Lamoille FiberNet to join, 2) potential mergers with other CUDs, 3) teaming up or operational partnership.

We need to get clarity as to adjacency.

As we merge up or have new towns does it have a benefit as to cost ownership or life cycle cost.

Does the scenario have non-negotiable components?

Lea provided a brief review of some CUDs and providers.

Charlotte stated that we need to understand what drives economy of scale with respect to the feasibility study.

Larry stated that some of the decision\ys are not technical, for example, if the CUD runs its own network or contracts it out.

Need to ask for clarification from the executive board to narrow the scope.

We need to understand what drives economy of scale with respect to the feasibility study.
We need to research basic technology issues.
We need to know if there are any show stoppers.

Larry summarized that the larger decisions are financial and not technical.
Lea asserts that we should have a memo to the whole board that meets on the 25th.
Sam proposed to take the meeting minutes and draft a memo. We meet next Tuesday, 24 Nov at 6pm.
This will be presented to the board at the 25 November meeting.

Update on Pole Survey - any action items for the Tech Committee

No update for this meeting

Tech Committee -Public Outreach - FAQs - next steps

No update for this meeting

Discussion of grants and PSD applications

Discussion of grants and PSD applications is tabled for this meeting.

Next Scheduled Meeting

Next meeting is Tuesday 24 November, 2020 at 6pm.

Adjourn

Jack Wool moved; John Meyer seconded to adjourn at 07:24pm. Vote: 5-0-0