

**LAMOILLE FIBERNET COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
November 18, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.
MINUTES**

Action Items

Who	What	Status
Lea	Reach out to Matrix regarding progress and identification of areas for further pole assessment	Done

Attending: Michael Rooney, Larry Lackey, Doug Molde, Jane Campbell, Tim Humphrey, Lea Kilvadyova, Jeff Tilton (joined at 8:23 p.m.)

Also attending: Lucy Rogers, Jack Wool

Call to order, changes to the agenda, public comment

Michael Rooney opened the meeting at 7:31 p.m. No agenda changes. No public comment.

Minutes Approval – Oct 21, 2020 (Action)

Doug Molde moved to approve the Oct 21st minutes. Jane Campbell seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Fundraising Update

There are two upcoming opportunities to apply for grants. USDA Rural Business Development program accepts letters of intent by December 11th. EDA accepts grant applications on a rolling basis. Lea Kilvadyova and Jane Campbell had a meeting with EDA and reviewed a draft proposal Lea had submitted. EDA encouraged us to partner with NEK Broadband and Northwest CUD as co-applicants.

Jane Campbell shared her past development experience and said that no Board member should do (or commit us to) any fundraising efforts without first checking with the Board, to ensure that our efforts are coordinated. This is important because it keeps our efforts on the right priorities and ensures that a funder is asked for the right amount. The Executive Committee discussed and recommended that if a Board member wishes to engage in fundraising, he/she should first check in with Lea.

Liability and D&O Insurance (Action)

Executive Committee reviewed insurance quotes from three companies. Tim Humphrey moved to recommended to purchase the insurance from Telcom. Doug Molde seconded. Motion passed.

Utility Pole Assessment Routes (Action)

Matrix has started the utility pole data collection. After they complete Cambridge, Belvidere and Waterville, Lamoille FiberNet needs to direct Matrix where to survey next.

Doug Molde moved to continue the pole assessment in Eden provided we have extra funds available, and focus the assessment on areas deemed most beneficial as determined by Lea. Jane Campbell seconded. Motion passed.

Jeff Tilton joined the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Meeting with Stowe Selectboard

Tasha Wallis, Leo Clark, Larry Lackey and Lea will be meeting on Nov 20th to prepare for the meeting with the Stowe Selectboard. The Selectboard will meet on Nov 30th for a presentation of the feasibility study. Lea recommended that Tim Humphrey as a representative of the Lamoille FiberNet attends as well.

Executive Session

Jane Campbell moved to enter into executive session to discuss potential contracts as allowed by 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1) with participation of the Executive Committee and Lucy Rogers given Lucy's background knowledge on the issues. Doug Molde seconded the motion. The motion passed and the executive session started at 8:38. The Committee came out of executive session at 9:22. No actions were taken.

Adjourn

Tim Humphrey moved and Jane Campbell seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:23.