

LAMOILLE FIBERNET COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING
December 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Attending Members

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

Other Attendees

None

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6pm - Call to Order

- 1. Review Agenda - Public Comment**
- 2. Approve 11/24 - Meeting Minutes**
- 3. Review Action Items that pertain CUD Expansion, Discuss Technical criteria, Discuss Financial criteria and possible impacts on the technical criteria**
- 4. Final preparation to meet with the Executive Committee 12/2**

7pm - Adjournment

Call to order

Sam Lotto called meeting to order at 06:01pm

Changes to the agenda

None

Public comment

None

Review 11/24/2020 Draft Minutes

Minutes Approval 11/24

Larry Lackey moved and Charlotte Reber seconded to approve the draft meeting minutes from Oct 21, 2020.
Approved: 4-0-1 (John Meyer abstained since he was not present at the last meeting.)

Review Action Items that pertain CUD Expansion, Discuss Technical criteria, Discuss Financial criteria and possible impacts on the technical criteria.

The Tech Committee members present discussed what can be done as a work-ahead, for example, what towns/CUDs/Counties might be interested.

Larry stated that NWCUD, Franklin County, might be interested in joint operator. They are interested in drafting a grant application for three-year study and some staff funding.

Is there a time/distance for support to installed site, for example, 1 hour?

John Meter questioned, can more than 1 CUD come together via merging to reduce overhead. However, is bigger really better? What are the economies of scale?

Jack Wool discussed the variables in determining economies of scale.

Sam and Charlotte brought up the question of if selection of equipment a parameter, maybe discussion with other CUDs on their selections? What was the reasons? Was future expansion part of the selections?

Jack suggested a formal query with formatted questions of other CUDs.

Do we need the executive board to engage some engineering talent to assist in this task?

Final preparation to meet with the Executive Committee 12/2

The Tech Committee members present discussed asks to the executive board.

- 1) Discussion of memo.
- 2) Ask for funding of consultive services.
- 3) How granular does this need to be?
- 4) Recommend survey of other CUDs.
- 5) Ask for clarify on if we are looking at the technical solution, what is the financial parameters that drive this?

Next Scheduled Meeting

Next meeting is Tuesday 15 December, 2020 at 6pm.

Adjourn

Jack Wool moved; Charlotte Reber seconded to adjourn at 07:02pm. Vote: 5-0-0