

**LAMOILLE FIBERNET COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING
February 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
MINUTES**

Attending Members

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

Other Attendees

Lea Kilvadyova
Carol Fano

6pm Call to order

Sam Lotto called meeting to order at 06:04 pm

Reviewed Agenda

Jack: add Starlink status to agenda.
Sam: IT Support to CUD

Reviewed and approved 1/19/21 Minutes

Jack Moves to accept, John Seconds: 4:0 approved.

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Sam: provided status form the larger committee. Sam surveyed the group on if we should suspend this group to support the various vendor task forces.

Lea stated that:

- 1) the Vendor Task force was formed by the executive committee to work on a weekly basis and need to have time and available to talk about public-private partnerships. There will be 4-5 members.
- 2) There is a Business Plan task force for building an initial business plan. Lea will support that for the initial phase.
- 3) There is work that needs to support/develop IT systems to support the CUD.

Sam stated, "LFCUD also needs an equivalent of an "IT Department" if you will. Somebody who handles email accounts, our internal data storage, and public records retention. Jane has been doing this work and I think she would very much appreciate sharing or maybe handing over the task to someone else. I think we have folks on the Tech Committee who have skills in this department – could they step up? It would not have to be as part of a Committee, but we need an IT coordinator of sorts."

Carol Fano provided input to goal number 3.

She suggested to look into Techsoup which supports nonprofits with low-cost SW and services. John and Carol both have technical skills.

Recommendation is for Carol and John to focus on the IT area and make recommendations to the Executive Board.

Sam asks about how to operationalize members to connect with the vendor task force. Lea said this will come up at the Executive board meeting on Weds Feb. 17, 2021.

Continued Work on Broadband Technologies Document

Review Work Completed and Work to Do

Final document would have the following sections:

What are the Broadband Technologies?

Need to define what upload/download speed is - why it is important?

Need to define asynchronous and synchronous and why that is important?

Who are providers in the LFCUD?

Summary of Pricing Structure Common Use Cases for the Broadband Technologies

Follow up on Action Items:

E-mail content to Sam to input into Matrix,

Jack reported out on Starlink LEO Satellite internet. He provided the information input for the Matrix.

Sam reviewed the current status with the Broadband Matrix report. Who needs this documentation etc.

Low Orbit Satellites – John M,

DSL – Charlotte,

Fixed Wireless – Sam

Starlink - Jack

Identified Agenda Items for 3/18/21 Meeting – note March meeting changed to Thursday

The Committee will use this meeting to do a review of Broadband Technologies Matrix, and tie out on this work before they suspend their work to support other higher priority CUD work:

IT Support

Vendor Support Task Force

7:20 pm - Adjourn