

LAMOILLE FIBERNET COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
MINUTES — APPROVED 3/17/2021

Attending Members: Michael Rooney, Jeff Tilton, Tim Humphrey, Jane Campbell, Lea Kilvadyova, Doug Molde, Larry Lackey

Guests: Lucy Rogers, Carol Caldwell-Edmonds, Stephen Friedman, Paul Warden, Jack Wool, Carole Monroe, Stan Williams (both ValleyNet), Alex Kelley (RISI)

Call to order, changes to the agenda, public comment

7:01pm Call to order by Chair Michael Rooney

Agenda changes: None

Public comment: Lea reminded governing board members to continue seeking letters supporting letters from local businesses for the USDA grant application.

Consent Agenda

7:05pm Move to approve Consent Agenda by Jane. Seconded by Jeff. Passed unanimously.

Business Plan Review (ValleyNet/RISI invited)

7:06pm Lea provided an overview of the grant providing funding for consultant support from ValleyNet and RISI and introduced the representatives from ValleyNet and RISI (Carole Monroe, Stan Williams, Alex Kelley). The representatives had been presented with a list of potential areas of assistance, including a business plan review, observations of such, and recommendations for moving forward. In addition, the CUD asked for support for the Vendor and Collaboration Task Forces. The representatives indicated some priority areas would be making recommendations for funding sources, investigating the network fee that the business plan relies heavily upon, and advising on public/private partnerships that could work with this plan. The representatives fielded questions from the board regarding funding, timeline, network ownership, the ever-changing broadband landscape, the legality of redacting information from the business plan if it is to be made public, etc. The representatives will work with Lea as a point of contact throughout the process.

Adjourn

8:18pm Motion to adjourn by Jane. Doug seconded. The motion carried.