



LAMOILLE FIBERNET COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING, via Zoom

March 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES Approved 4/28/2021

Town Representatives and Alternates Attending (V=Present and Voting, P=Present)

Town	P/V	Representative	P/V	Alternate	P/V	Alternate
Belvidere	P	Carol Caldwell-Edmonds	V	Kipp Verner		
Cambridge			V	Sam Lotto		
Eden	V	Liza Jones				
Hyde Park	V	Michael Rooney	P	Carol Fano		
Johnson	V	Charlotte Reber	P	Paul Warden	P	Doug Molde
Morristown	V	Jane Campbell				
Stowe	V	Stephen Friedman	P	Scott Weathers		
Waterville	V	Jeff Tilton	P	Lucy Rogers		

Also in Attendance: Larry Lackey, Teelah Hall

7:01 Agenda Changes & Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Added to Consent Agenda:

- “Approval of Expenditures” to the title of the Treasurer’s report
- Approval of vendor task force charter changes shown in packet.

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- Approval for chair to sign VCUDA letter requesting the United States Department of the Treasury to allow federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds for broadband to be distributed directly to CUDS.
- Legislative update from Rep. Lucy Rogers.
- Discussion re Tilton business plan

7:09 Roll Call

Michael initiated a roll call to identify each town’s voting member in attendance.

7:11 Consent Agenda

- Approval of 2/24/21 Governing Board Minutes
- FYI Updates

- Treasurer Report and Approval of Expenditures
- Approval of Vendor Task Force Charter changes:
 - Name becomes *Partnership Task Force*
 - Adds sixth member
 - Appoints Stephen Friedman as sixth member

Jane moved to approve, with correction of \$9 million to \$150 million. Charlotte second. Motion passed.

7:16 Honoring Lea's Legacy

Stephen moved to approve \$200 towards plaque to commemorate Lea's contribution to the founding and legacy of the LFCUD. Jane Seconded. Motion Passed.

7:18 Purchasing Policy

The Executive Committee had recommended the Governing Board approve and adopt changes to the policy as amended at the 3/17 executive committee meeting.

Jane moved to approve. Jeff Seconded. Motion passed.

7:19 Public Relations Policy

Jane moved to approve. Kipp Verner seconded.

Doug suggested correcting typo (our note out) on top of document, as well as wording modifications for clarity. The discussion fostered a consensus among the group that there needs to be transparency when communicating either as a member of the board or speaking one's own opinions.

Jane moved to change motion to include changes. Kipp approved said changes. Motion passed.

7:45 Business Support Letters

Jane reminded board members that the CUD is in need of letters from local businesses (with less than 50 employees, less than a million in revenue) prior to 31 March for our USDA RDBG grant.

7:49

Jane moved to enter executive session, citing: 1 V.S.A. § 313), after making a specific finding that premature general public knowledge would clearly place Lamoille FiberNet or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage regarding a contract. Jeff seconded. Motion passed.

Jane moved to include in the Executive Session all present Governing Board members as well as Larry Lackey. Kipp Verner seconded. Motion passed.

7:51 Meeting entered executive session.

9:00 Public meeting resumes.

Stephen Friedman moved that Larry present Christine Hallquist with Clerk-Administrator agreement. Jane Seconded. Motion passed.

Jane moved to approve Jane obtaining legal review, spending up to \$1000, of the RISI NDA, and if found consistent with open meeting and other state laws, it will be signed and sent to RISI. Steven seconded. Motion passed.

Jane moved that as soon as RISI has signed NDA, we authorize the Partnership Task Force to move ahead with meetings with RISI. Kipp seconded. Motion passed.

9:10 Adjourn

Jane moved to adjourn. Liza seconded. Motion passed.