



**LAMOILLE FIBERNET COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

July 7, 2021 at 7:00p.m.

Location: HYBRID Held via Zoom & Physical Location

DRAFT MINUTES

Location: Green Mountain Support Services, 93 James St., Morrisville, VT

7:02pm Jane Campbell called the meeting to order

7:06 Agenda Change Requests and Public Comment- No public Comment

7:04pm Roll Call- Jane Campbell, Jeff Tilton, Stephen Friedman, Larry Lackey, Christine Hallquist, Teelah Hall, Carol Caldwell Edmonds

7:08pm Consent Agenda-

- Approve **Draft Minutes: Executive Committee 06-16-2021**

Stephen Friedman moved to approve consent agenda, Teelah Hall seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7:11: Jane Campbell suggested moving to executive session, citing that premature general public knowledge regarding discussions with Northwest CUD and discussions about the RFP Process would place Lamoille FiberNet at a substantial disadvantage. Stephen Friedman moved to approve to move to executive session inviting all present at roll call, Teelah Hall seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7:24pm: Jane Campbell moved to move out of executive session, Teelah Hall seconded. Motion passed unanimously

Switched Agenda Items Order to discuss Ownerships of Service drops prior to Open Access

7:26pm: Ownership of service drops (discussion – recommendation to board)

Christine Hallquist suggests that Lamoille FiberNet commit to owning the fiber drops to the premises. Not owning the fiber drops, access points and fiber beyond the splitters will limit the CUD's ability to:

- Bring in another provider due to under-performance
- Avoid costly litigation and delays when trying to remove an underperforming partner.
- Open to future competition

The discussion did not result in a recommendation to the board.

7:32pm: Open access policy (discussion – recommendation to board)

Christine Hallquist suggested that Lamoille FiberNet consider open access as an aspirational goal, with the recognition that open access would be counter-productive to serving its rural network in the short-term. In the long-term, when an area's density exceeds 20 passings per mile, Lamoille FiberNet may consider building fiber to those areas, as well as offering additional competitive services to those areas that are already served by Lamoille FiberNet or other infrastructure.

Teelah Hall moved to approve the Open Access Policy outlined by Christine, Stephen Friedman seconded. Motion was discussed and it was agreed unanimously after healthy discussion that LFCUD should discuss further definitions of "Open Access" before making a final decision. Stephen Friedman withdrew his second, Teelah Hall withdrew the motion. Motion did not pass.

7:47pm NTIA grant (discussion – recommendation to board) – Unanimously decided not to move forward with NTIA grant. Prioritizing the process for selection of partners at this time.

7:56pm Other Business - Hold on discussion of an open meeting resolution; at this time, Lamoille FiberNet will have a physical location and be hybrid with ZOOM meetings.

7:58pm Adjourn: Teelah Hall moved to adjourn. Jeff Tilton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.