

**LAMOILLE FIBERNET COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Oct 27th, 2021 at 7:00p.m.
Location: LCPC 52 Portland St, Morrisville
APPROVED MINUTES**

7pm Call to Order: Jane Campbell called the meeting to order.

Changes to the Agenda and Public Comment: Added 10/12/2021 Minutes Approval

7:01pm Roll call:

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

Town	P/V	Representative	P/V	Alternate	P/V	Second Alternate
Belvidere	V	Carol Caldwell-Edmonds	P	Kipp Verner		
Cambridge	V	Sam Lotto	P	Teelah Hall	P	
Eden	A	Liza Jones	A	Damien Le Clerck		
Hyde Park	V	Michael Rooney	P	Carol Fano	A	Jack Wool
Johnson	V	Charlotte Reber	P	Paul Warden		
Morristown	V	Jane Campbell	A	John Meyer		
Stowe	V	Stephen Friedman	P	Scott Weathers	A	Chris Foran
Waterville	V	Jeff Tilton	P	Lucy Rogers		
Wolcott	V	Bruce Wheeler	A	Mike Davidson		

Attending Staff: Val Davis

7:04pm Consent Agenda:

- Approval of minutes from 9/22/2021
- Treasurer's Report
- Recent purchases
- Updates

7:05: Jane addressed the issue of showing how minutes were approved. She wants to be able to show who voted yes, who abstained etc. Stephen Friedman suggested moving the minutes from the Agenda so they could be voted on separately. It was agreed that the 9/22 and 10/12 minutes would be voted on under a separate motion. Minutes were removed from Consent agenda. The treasurers report was also removed from the Agenda to be voted on separately.

Carol Caldwell Edmonds noted “When you vote to approve the minutes, you're expressing confidence in the veracity of the Secretary, the actions of your colleagues. the correctness of the minutes preparation process, you're not making a personal statement that you were there.”. She also posted a link to the Robert’s Rules concerning voting on Minutes.

7:10pm: Jane requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda without the minutes. .Jeff Tilton moved to approve the consent agenda. Sam Lotto second. Motion passed.

7:13pm Jane requested a motion to approve minutes from 9/22 and 10/12. Jeff Tilton made the motion, Stephen Friedman seconded. All voted in favor. Motion Passed.

7:15pm: Treasurers report. Jane mentions that Larry outlined the fact that we were going to have some unspent funds in our pre construction grants that we are thinking about shifting to the Tilson contract. Jane also noted that the Primmer Piper contract was already approved because they were part of the original pre construction budget that was approved by the board. 12\$ per month was added to the monthly budget for the Wolcott FPF. Michael Rooney inquired as to whether or not any towns will give us ARPA money. Jane mentioned that we are going to select boards and doing the presentation and not making a specific request but saying, if you're going to fund broadband, please consider Lamoille FiberNet.

7:20pm Jane requested a motion to approve the treasurers report. Michael made the motion, Carol Caldwell-Edmonds seconded. Motion passed

7:21pm Proposed Budget Review - Jane noted this is a draft budget that we will be presenting to Select Boards and towns. Michael Rooney noted that we need more grants. Minutes reflect that we need as many grants as possible. No action needed. Discussion Only.

7:23pm Policies Needed- Val noted that Teelah is working on “Use of Equipment” policy and “Remote Work Policy” which she will have for the Nov 4th EC Meeting. Val is distributing the “Conflict of Interest” policy to all board members for them to sign and return.

7:25pm Declaration of Inclusion: Carol Caldwell-Edmonds introduced a “Declaration of Inclusion”. LCPC Introduced a “DOI” policy and encourages municipalities to adopt a “DOI” and implement it to demonstrate that we are all inclusive. A DOI will be drafted and presented to the board for approval.

7:30pm Purchasing Policy review. No changes needed at this time.

7:40pm Partnership Update: Val apprised that we are waiting on Elmore to finalize their decision. Waterbury is being thrown into the mix as well. Val is discussing with David Healy and the Waterbury reps.

7:45pm – Tilson Update – Val informed the EC that he is working on an updated design from Tilson. Tilson is preferred because we can use them as a sole source vendor per our purchasing policy. Val will be looking for the board to approve moving forward with Tilson. It will be paid for with left over Pre-C grant dollars provided the state approves the contract. Stephen Friedman said “some thoughts on what I

thought ought to be included. I think we need to get some greater granularity on the underground issues. Both in most of the district but also including Stowe.”

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8:01 pm Jane requested a motion to approve Val and the PTF moving forward with negotiations with Tilson on getting a new high level design and allowing the Executive Committee to approve the final contract. Paul Warden first moved the motion, Michael Rooney seconded. All voted favor, motion passed.

8:02pm Jane requested a motion that we go into executive session including Val Davis and Sal Morales from LCPC. Paul made the motion “after making a specific finding that premature general public knowledge of contracts would clearly place LFCUD, the public body, or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage, I make a motion that we enter executive session to include present board members as well as ED Val Davis and Sal Morales from LCPC” Jeff Tilton seconded. Motion passed.

8:03pm Entered Executive Session

8:42 Exited Executive Session

8:43pm November meeting of GB to be moved before Thanksgiving. Val will send out a Doodle to determine the best date.

8:45pm Meeting Wrap-up and Adjourn: Carol Caldwell-Edmunds made the motion to adjourn, Michael Rooney and Paul Warden seconded. All voted in favor, meeting adjourned.