

**LAMOILLE FIBERNET COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD SPECIAL MEETING**

October 12, 2021 at 7:00p.m.

Location: GMSS, 93 James St, Morrisville, VT

APPROVED MINUTES

7:00pm Call to Order: Jane Campbell called the meeting to order.

7:00pm Changes to the Agenda and Public Comment: VCUDA would like the board to discuss an item that was made known to Jane and Val earlier today.

7:01pm Roll call: Val will look into the attendance policy and figure out if we need to reach out to towns that have been absent for consecutive meetings.

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

Attending Staff: Val Davis **Other Members attending:** Larry Lackey **Guests:**

**Sam Lotto and Charlotte Reber joined the meeting at 7:05pm*

7:05pm Proposed Budget Review: The board expressed their thanks Larry for putting the budgetary review together. Larry provided a quick overview of the summary and fielded questions. The draft budget and narrative overview explains what the district is trying to accomplish and the areas of activity. The summary includes 3 major areas of activity: design and construction, construction partially complete

with revenue incoming, and continuing operational and maintenance expenses. Once a partner is contracted, and there is a more concrete plan, we will be refining this budget as necessary. At that time, we will revisit the policy decisions that will ultimately affect the budget. A disclaimer that projected fees and whatnot are assumptions, not policy declarations will be included prior to presenting to the board. The spread sheet should be checked for math errors. The oct 27th GB meeting will be the opportunity for public comment. Val, Larry, and Jane will continue to refine the documents and address the concerns brought forward by the governing board.

8:09pm VCUDA bulk Fiber Purchase: VCBB and VCUDA have been able to identify a source for fiber and want to know if LFCUD (as well as other CUDs) will commit to purchasing. The board discussed the apparent lack of specifics in the agreement, particularly with the type of materials and quantity available. The timeline available will allow the specific order to be placed as buildout projects are planned and started. Ultimately, if the CUD has the opportunity to buy high-strand fiber at a discount, it should be pursued. Michael moved to authorize chair to sign MOU with VCUDA regarding bulk fiber purchase. Stephen seconded. Discussion on how this process is legal. Val will confirm when we need specifics on order. Larry mou says vcuda will order fiber, and will we have a say in how much we get? Motion amended by Michael to the following: The board authorizes the signing of the MOU contingent upon verification with VCUDA and LFCUD's legal counsel that signing the MOU *only declares intent, but does not commit LFCUD to a specific number of miles of fiber. And furthermore, that "item 3" is to be accepted at face value as is, i.e. not exposed to a specific commitment of quantity or other equipment.* Stephen accepted the amendment and his second stands. Motion passed.

8:54pm Meeting Wrap-up and Adjourn: The smoke alarms in the GMSS meeting room need their batteries replaced, or something. Michael moved to adjourn. Carol Fano seconded. Motion passed.