



LAMOILLE FIBERNET COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT

EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

August 18, 2022 at 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Approved Minutes

Online Virtual Meeting Only

7:00 pm Call to Order: Jane Campbell called the meeting to order. Committee members attending included Jane Campbell, Stephen Friedman, Paul Warden, and Jeff Tilton. Also attending: Mark Schilling (Treasurer), Michael Rooney (board member), Carol Caldwell-Edmonds (board member), and Randy Tomlin (board member), Val Davis (Executive Director), Lisa Birmingham (staff) and Christine Hallquist (VCBB) were in attendance.

7:02 pm Agenda Changes: Mark Schilling requested the record reflect his appointment as Treasurer and that Larry Lackey is no longer Treasurer. The Chair suggested, and Paul Warden moved to postpone discussion of gov.connection record retention update.

7:03 pm Lucy Rogers (board member) and Rob Fish (VCBB) joined.

7:03 pm Stephen Friedman moved Paul Warden seconded the Chair's recommendation to remove the gov.connections record retention item from the agenda. All in favor; none opposed; none abstained.

7:05 pm Public Comment: No comment.

7:05 pm Approval of July 21, 2022 Minutes: Paul Warden moved, Jeff Tilton seconded approval of the July 21 2022 minutes. All in favor; none opposed; none abstained.

7:08 pm Executive Director Update: Val noted that Larry Lackey had vacated the Treasurer's position and that Mark Schilling had accepted the position. Val noted that Mark was already working with the organization's bank to resolve service issues.

Val asked Christine Hallquist to update the committee on VCBB activities.

Christine described generally the scope and status of the BEAD (NTIA) Middle Mile project and application, and potential partnerships with VTEL, First Light and Consolidated Communications. The VCBB is also working on expanding staff to support its work and the work of the CUDs, and with Vermont Community Foundation, VSECU and others on broadband financing. the VCBB is working on developing guidance for CUDs and others on how to rely on the state's broadband



data maps when applying the accuracy of PSD mapping, and the timing of provider upgrades and extensions. Finally, Christine noted the workforce development and pay-to-learn programs.

7:15 pm Google Fiber Master Services Agreement Contract Negotiation: Discussion and

Decision: Stephen Friedman moved to enter executive session to discuss contract negotiations of premature disclosure of which would be damaging to our positions and to include in that executive session, Val Davis, Randy Tomlin, Lisa Birmingham, Paul Warden, Jane Campbell, Jeff Tilton, Robert Fish, Christine Hallquist, Mark Schilling, Lucy Rogers, Carol Caldwell Edmonds, Michael Rooney and myself, Steven Friedman. Paul Warden seconded. The Chair called the question. All in favor; none opposed; none abstained.

8:07 pm Executive Session ended. The Chair noted that no action or motion was needed as a result of the executive session.

8:08 pm Business Plan and Schedule, and High-Level Design - Discussion and Decision: Val provided a very brief overview of NRTC's focus is on identifying the unserved and served locations in Lamoille County and developing one to two design options which would in turn enable them to develop business plan options.

8:11 pm Other Business: Jane reviewed upcoming Governing Board Q4 meeting schedule which, is guided by statute and include a public hearing on or before November 15th and adopt and approve a 2023 budget on or before December 15th. She further noted the timeline Executive Finance Committee should see the budget before it goes to the Governing Board, then out to the legislative bodies, specifically, the select boards by October 21st.

8:12 Wrap Up and Adjournment: Hearing no other business, the Chair thanked everyone for their time and requested a motion to adjourn. Paul Warden so moved; Jeff Tilton seconded. All in favor; none opposed; none abstained.

8:42 pm Adjourned.

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