



Lamoille FiberNet Communications Union District
Governing Board Meeting
June 21, 2023
Meeting by Video Conference ONLY

7:00 pm Call to Order. Chair Jeff Tilton called the meeting to order, then called the roll.

7:02 pm Roll Call

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

Town	P/V	Representative	P/V	Alternate
Belvidere	V	Carol Caldwell-Edmonds		
Cambridge	V	Sam Lotto	P	Matthew McCabe
Eden	V	Carey Earle		
Elmore	V	Randy Tomlin		
Hyde Park	A	Michael Rooney	A	Carol Fano
Johnson	V	Paul Warden	A	Jeff Bickford
Morristown	V	Jane Campbell	P	John Meyer
Stowe	V	Stephen Friedman		
Waterville	P	Jeff Tilton	V	Scott Johnson
Wolcott	V	Andrew Ross (joined 7:02)	A	Bradley Horstman

Other Lamoille FiberNet attendees: Lisa Birmingham, Fabian Bourgeois, Mark Schilling (joined at 7:10 pm)

Public/Guests: None

7:01 pm Agenda Changes and Public Comment. The Chair called for agenda changes and public comment. There were no requests.

7:02 pm Approval of May 24 Minutes. Paul Warden moved to approve the May 24 minutes; Carey Earle seconded. All in favor; none opposed; none abstained.

7:03 pm ISP Partnership Update. Stephen Friedman moved to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing matters related to Internet service provider, operations and maintenance and other matters, the premature disclosure of which would put us at a severe disadvantage,

and in that meeting we have Randy Tomlin, Jeff Tilton, Carey Earle, Carol Caldwell Edmonds, John Meyer, Matthew McCabe, Lisa Birmingham, Sam Lotto, Paul Warden, Andrew Ross, Scott Johnson, Jane Campbell and Fabian Bourgeois, and any member of the Board who might happen to join the meeting late. Jane Campbell seconded with a friendly amendment that we add the word “contract.” Stephen welcomed the amendment to include contract for internet service provider, operations, and maintenance. Hearing no discussion, the Chair called the question. All in favor, none opposed; and none abstained.

8:02 pm Executive Session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

8:02 pm Marketing and Communications Update. Carol Caldwell-Edmonds provided an update of her successful conversation with the Belvidere ARPA committee and Selectboard members regarding the partnership announcement. She reminded members that talking points had been distributed via email in May, and members could and should reach out to their local community leaders to share the news. She also reported that the official partnership announcement would be used for the newsletter and social media launch. She reported that intern applications had been received and reminded members that the intern would help support the content needs. She reiterated the focus on the talking points and sharing the news with local officials.

The committee then discussed the need to identify who would be contacting the state senators and representatives to inform them and seek their support. Jane and Paul volunteered to get a list out to members ahead of the grant application.

8:09 pm Treasurer’s Report and Update. Mark Schilling noted that he was in regular contact with the accountant and auditor to make sure the process continues to go smoothly and that we get our audits completed before the deadline. Sam Lotto asked when the audits would be complete. Mark expected about a month for 2021, and another month for 2022. Sam thanked Mark and the staff for their diligence and suggested that the CUD consider sharing the results of the audit when available. Jane added it to the list of potential communications topics.

8:12 pm Executive Director Update. Lisa informed members that VCUDA had submitted comprehensive comments to the VCBB’s request for comments regarding Vermont’s 5-year BEAD plan and would share the document with the Board. Carol asked about the listening sessions and changing themes in public input. Lisa explained that BEAD funding was a different source of federal funds and would be subject to competitive bid and addressed adoption as well as access. The outreach was intended to reach other constituencies, such as veterans and seniors, who had been historically underserved. Members briefly discussed how LFCUD could promote the listening sessions. Jane noted that she already did a Front Porch Forum post of the state’s announcement; and noted today that the state had sent a survey, which could be another post.

8:17 pm Next Meeting. The Chair asked for input on scheduling the next meeting, [perhaps earlier in July, to align with the grant application. Members discussed the need to push for completion of the grant application and partnership agreement well ahead of the end of July deadline. Stephen Friedman suggested using the July 12th executive committee meeting as a special board meeting. Noting consensus on scheduling an early Board meeting, the chair asked

Lisa to notify the Governing Board to alert them to the possibility of a July 12 meeting. Hearing no further discussion, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn. Randy Tomlin moved to adjourn; Stephen Friedman seconded. Hearing no opposition, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

8:23 pm Meeting Adjourned.

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