



Governing Board Meeting
March 27, 2024 at 7:00pm
Meeting by Video Conference ONLY
DRAFT MINUTES

7:00pm Call to Order and Roll Call: Jeff Tilton called the meeting to order.

**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	P	Michael Rooney	V	Carol Fano
Johnson	V	Paul Warden	A	Jeff Bickford
Morristown	V	Jane Campbell	P	John Meyer
Stowe	V	Stephen Friedman		
Waterville	P	Jeff Tilton	P	Scott Johnson
Wolcott	V	Andrew Ross		

Other Lamoille FiberNet attendees: Lisa Birmingham, ED; Mark Schilling, Ex-Officio, Treasurer
Public/Guests: Teelah Hall

Agenda Changes

· None

Public Comment

· None

Approval of Prior Minutes – Vote

- Jane moved to approve the 2/28/2024 Governing Board Minutes. Paul seconded. Unanimously approved with no abstentions.

Chair's Remarks

- Comments regarding items requiring Executive Session
- New CFO – Susan @ LCPC - starts 4/1/24

Treasurer's Report and Financial Update – Schilling

- See report
- Next month there will be 3 grant reports – pre-con, con and ARPA
- Lisa - \$55k BEAD grant for external resources to help us with the challenge process. May have a BEAD report next month.
- We have started talking with a couple Treasurer candidates
- New LCPC CFO will serve us 1 day a week starting 4/1/24

Marketing and Communications Committee Update - Campbell, Caldwell-Edmonds

- Jane/Carol – no updates... see report
- Spread the word out re: hiring a Treasurer

Operations and Executive Director Update - Birmingham

- See ED report
- The accountant transition will require supporting Lisa to best transition from QB's to QB's/Enterprise. She is seeking support in addition to Mark to navigate that transition; Michael and Jane offered.
- VCBB mtg. on Monday re: ECFiber asking for an additional \$10m for...
- Stephen moved & Carol 2nded to recommend the ED attend VCBB meeting on 4/1/24 and request that LFN be able to apply for ARPA funds in a fair and open process. Carol Caldwell-Edmonds seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Sam – Is the 4/15 detailed design and construction schedule availability a delivery date we can inform customers with? The info from Fidium on 4/15 will require some time (a couple/few weeks) to turn around into a complete address build list. More detail TBD

Sustainability Task Force Update - Tomlin - Discussion, Possible Executive Session

7:55pm - Stephen moved to go into executive session to discuss contractual and other matters including Phase 2 BEAD strategy, the premature public disclosure of which would put LFN and/or potential partners at a substantial disadvantage-- to include all Gov. Board members and staff present. Randy Seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Teelah Hall left the meeting.

8:57pm we came out of executive session. As a result of executive session discussion, Randy made a motion to approve an adjusted 2024 budget of \$293,400.00. Jane seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

- o Board appointments are due 4/15/2024

- o 4/17/24 is next EFC mtg. 4/24/24 is next GB mtg.
- o 5/14/24 is the Annual Meeting and will be in person.

Wrap up and Adjourn- 9:06pm Randy moved and Jane 2nded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.