

Governing Board Meeting October 23, 2024, at 7:00 pm Location: Virtual Only

DRAFT MINUTES

7:02 pm- Call to Order: Jeff Tilton called the meeting to order and took roll call.

Committee Members Attending

(V=Present and Voting, P=Present, A=Absent)

Town	P/V	Representative	P/V	Alternate
Belvidere	٧	Carol Caldwell-Edmonds	Р	Pam McKenna
Cambridge	٧	Sam Lotto	Α	Matthew McCabe
Eden	٧	Carey Earle		
Elmore	٧	Trevor Braun		
Hyde Park	٧	Michael Rooney	Р	Carol Fano
Johnson	٧	Paul Warden	Α	Mark Woodward
Morristown	٧	Jane Campbell	Α	John Meyer
Stowe	٧	Stephen Friedman	Α	John Woods
Waterville	٧	Jeff Tilton	Р	Scott Johnson
Wolcott	٧	Andrew Ross		

Other Lamoille FiberNet attendees: Lisa Birmingham, Colette Jurnak

Public/Guests: None

7:05 pm- Agenda Changes: None

7:06 pm- Public Comment: None

7:06 pm- Chair's Update: See Chair's update report

7:10 pm Approval of Prior Minutes: After some discussion about minor changes to the 09/25/2024 meeting minutes, the approval was tabled until next month's meeting

7:11 pm- Financial Update and Preliminary Treasurer Report:

September was closed finally. There were no crazy items that had to be paid for. There were some legal expenses and accounts payable, but nothing out of the ordinary. The projection was

completed and is out. There were no big changes after the September numbers were finalized with regard to the projection as of the end of August.

The auditor requested a similar pre-construction report, but through 12/31/2023. This was sent to Nicole and Lisa. We have heard nothing negative about the audit so far. See the financial report for figures.

7:34 pm- Long Drop Task Force Update:

Much discussion about an equitable way to distribute funds. Jeff, Sam, and Carol Caldwell-Edmunds will work with Lisa and report to the 11/6/24 Executive Committee meeting.

8:38 pm- P1 Construction and P2 Design Update: Nothing new

8:53 pm- Upcoming RFQ Discussion and Vote(s):

There was discussion about the audit RFQ and whether it would be best for LFCUD to go it alone or to hire the same company as the other CUD's. <u>Stephen made a motion to approve issuing the audit RFP.</u> <u>The motion was seconded by Paul. The motion carried unanimously.</u>

8:54 pm Paul moved a motion to authorize Lisa to issue the RFQ for legal services. The motion was seconded by Carey. The motion carried unanimously.

8:55 pm There was discussion about administrative support after the end of the year when Lisa is done. It was generally thought that contracting with an organization was better than an individual due to the diverse skill sets required. Lisa has agreed to stay in a consulting capacity to ensure a smooth transition. **9:01 pm** Paul made a motion to authorize the issuance of the clerk administrative RFQ. The motion was seconded by Trevor. The motion carried unanimously.

9:06 pm Jane made a motion to authorize the single source provision to retain Lisa. The motion was seconded by Trevor. The motion carried unanimously.

9:07 pm- Communications Update: Jane had no report beyond what was in the posting.

9:07 pm- Other Business: The ribbon cutting ceremony is tomorrow.

The next meeting is November 13th which will be hybrid.. That will be our public hearing for the 2025 budget.

The December meeting will be in person on December 11th. The MCC is working on having the meeting, hopefully in a restaurant.

9:09 pm- Adjourn: Sam moved to adjourn. Andy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Fano

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