Governing Board Meeting
June 24, 2026, at 7:00 pm
Location: Virtual via Teams and In-Person at LCPC Conference Room 52 Portland Street, Morrisville, VT

DRAFT MINUTES

7:04 pm - Call to Order: Andrew Ross 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	A	Tyler Barber		
Cambridge	V	Sam Lotto	V	Matthew McCabe
Eden	**A**	Carey Earle		
Elmore	**V**	Brian Evans-Mongeon		
Hyde Park		*Vacant*		
Johnson	**A**	Paul Warden		
Morristown	**V**	Jane Campbell		
Stowe	**V**	Stephen Friedman	P	John Woods
Waterville	A	Jeff Tilton		
Wolcott	**V**	Andrew Ross		

Other Lamoille FiberNet attendees: Colette Jurnak, Treasurer; Lisa Birmingham, LFCUD Consultant **Public/Guests:** None

7:05 pm — Agenda Changes

- None

7:05 pm — Public Comment

- None

7:05 pm — Chair's Update

- We have an old/new Board member taking over for Trevor in Elmore – please re-welcome Brian Evans-Mongeon. Carol Caldwell-Edmonds and John Meyer have both resigned from the board.
- Thank you to everyone for continuing to serve as we transition. We'll review some of the recent and planned changes.
- Please review the Conflict of Interest policies and Handbook.
- Sustainability progress – we'll review the ILA (Inter-Local Agreement), our target budget, and activities that are in progress to meet our 2027 spend target. This includes LCPC taking on additional administrative and reporting tasks. You've seen an email from Geana already. We'll review email changes in more detail with associated actions needed.
- Andy noted that Lamoille FiberNet recently received a 2026 Jim Marvin award, and Lisa Birmingham also won an award for her work with Lamoille FiberNet.

7:15 pm — Annual Elections
Motion: Jane Campbell moved to elect Andy Ross as Chair, Jeff Tilton as Vice Chair, Tasha Wallis as Clerk, and Colette Jurnak as Treasurer, with a big thank you to all.
Stephen Friedman seconded. Approved unanimously.

7:19 pm — Treasurer's Update

- Colette presented the Treasurer's Monthly Financial Report, noting that the budget for 2026 is unchanged from what was originally passed. Therefore, no vote is needed for the budget. Colette will confer with our accountant about the remaining payroll liabilities.
- Colette reported that the Single Federal Audit for 2025 will be completed after the Board votes to accept the findings.

Motion: Matt McCabe moved to accept the Single Federal Audit and the 2025 Financial statements as presented. Seconded by Jane Campbell. Motion passed, with Brian Evans-Mongon abstaining and no opposition.

7:33 pm — Construction and Long Drop Update

- Final Phase 2 invoicing
- Review that the NEKCV and Fidium agreements were executed to complete the Wolcott builds in eastern Wolcott and western Wolcott
- Lisa reviewed the status of underground drops

7:45 pm — Sustainability Plan Update and Actions

- Andy reviewed the cost reduction targets that we have for our post-grant environment
- LCPC has agreed to take on our reduced web pages. Jane is working with Geana to implement the pages and content that we are required to have for the public.

- Geana is working with Lisa to take on compliance reporting that pertains to post-grant requirements
- Geana is copying our historical minutes and agenda to LCPC's website.
- We have worked with our Office365 provider to minimize those costs. We will be migrating to a model that looks like Otter Creek CUD, SoVT CUD, and LCPC, where we have a few email addresses by role (Chair, Director, Treasurer, Info) and everyone else will need to create an Outlook.com account. Steps to do this are detailed in the presentation slides we reviewed. Board members will need to:
    - Create a personal outlook.com account using the standard form described (lfcud.*town*@outlook.com) and let Carol Fano and Andy know when this is completed
    - Add auto forwarding and signature updates to your lamoillefiber.net accounts.
- Review of the Inter-Local agreement, which both OCCUD and SoVTCUD Boards have both approved.
    - Formally allows the three CUDs to work together with common responsibilities and expenses.
    - Governing Board with one representative and one alternate per CUD; two is a quorum.
    - One payment from Fidium to be distributed equally, with common expenses split equally (e.g., potential for a single accountant).
    - Common expenses expected to include items like: plan and utilize a shared budget, utilize a shared accountant, use a common resource for reporting to State and Federal agencies and member towns.

Motion: Stephen Friedman moved to approve the Inter-Local Agreement as presented, and to have the Chair execute the document.
Matt McCabe seconded. Approved unanimously, with Brian Evans-Mongeon abstaining.

8:04 pm — Grant Funding Update

- Update on the Precon06 extension from 6/30/26 to 9/30/26. Discussion on general operational processes if this extension is not updated by 6/30/26.
- Q4 Bridge Sub-Grant discussion that this grant is a separate source, Northern Borders Regional Commission, and that it will fund our operations from 10/1/26 through 12/31/26. This is estimated at $61,000 but may increase depending on how VCBB answers an accrual question for annual costs previously incurred.

Motion: Jane Campbell moved to approve the extension of the Precon06 grant and the Q4 Bridge Grant as presented, and to have the Chair execute the documents once they are provided by VCBB. Stephen Friedman seconded. Approved unanimously.

8:11 pm — VCBB New Recoupment and Transfer Policy Review

- Lisa reviewed the policy and how it will likely not impact LFCUD operations, given that our network build is complete, that our grants are in the process of being closed, and that our future funding will come from Fidium. In preparation for 2034 we will likely be reviewing the policy that is current at that time, but this is a good precedent for us as we contemplate the end date.

8:18 pm — **Other Business**

Approval of Prior Board Minutes
Motion: Matt McCabe moved to approve the December 2025 Governing Board Meeting minutes. Jane Campbell seconded. Motion carried unanimously, with Brian Evans-Mongeon abstaining.

Motion: Andy Ross moved to approve the February 2026 Governing Board Meeting minutes. Stephen Friedman seconded. Motion carried unanimously, with Brian Evans-Mongeon abstaining.

8:20 pm — Communications Update: None

8:20 pm — Future Agenda Items:
Next meeting is Wednesday, 9/23/26 at 7pm.

8:21 pm — Cellular Service
Brian Evans-Mongeon suggested the CUD could explore the possibility of providing cellular service in its district as part of its charter. Andy noted that we have no access to Fidium's fiber network, and that from 2027 onward, our CUD will have no revenue other than what will be received from Fidium. Brian noted that the exploration could be separate from our Fidium partnership. Lisa mentioned that all cellular services require a wired backhaul, which a fiber network could provide, and she noted that LCPC may have begun to explore cellular service. John noted that some service providers may already have plans to provide service in the non-service areas. All agreed that LCPC (Lamoille County Planning Commission) or the PUC (Public Utility Commission) might be good starting points for identifying potential upcoming service and/or where the regional gaps in service are.

8:38 pm — **Adjourn**
Having exhausted the agenda, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Campbell 6/24/2026.