



Governing Board Meeting Minutes (Draft)

February 10, 2022 - 5:30pm

Attendees: see attached list

Role Call & Agenda Review

Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Consent Agenda

Motioned: Kathleen Monroe Seconded: Morgan Wade	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: to approve the Consent Agenda	37	0	0

Updates

Executive Committee Action Review & Affirmation

Motioned: Jennifer Barone Seconded: Barb Nolan	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: that the Governing Board affirms receipt and confirmation, with no proposed revision or alteration, of the Executive Committee Actions document.	37	0	0

- **Discussion Summary:** No discussion took place

Executive Director Update

- **Discussion Summary:** The first of three tranches of VCBB Construction Grant funds were released: \$35 million has been assigned to the NEK Broadband area which is roughly 31% of the \$116 million released,. The results of the Audit will be given at the next meeting. We

successfully made another connection to a family with a daughter in an online college program and no existing broadband option. NEK Broadband was able to serve the family with 250/250. We look forward to hearing back on the Associated Press interview on it. Christa will be hosting open office hours on Tuesdays and Fridays. Christa gave a brief update on the Town Hall meetings.

New Business

Transition Communications and Technology Committees to Working Groups

Motioned: Caro Thompson Seconded: Kathleen Monroe	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: to dissolve the Communication Committee and Technology Committee into working groups of the larger Governing Board.	37	0	0

- Discussion Summary:** The Communications and Technology Committees wish to become working groups. This will provide quick effectiveness and expediency throughout the business of NEK Broadband. The communications subgroup will continue to meet regularly.

Community Relations Manager

- Discussion Summary:** The position would communicate with the communities, town clerks and developing areas. They will work with the Communications subgroup to do media releases, newsletters, social media postings, etc. The salary will be commensurate with experience and budget of the CUD.

Reconnect Grant Update and Net Neutrality Resolution

Motioned: John Kellogg Seconded: Dale Urie	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: to approve the Net Neutrality Resolution.	37	0	0

- Discussion Summary:** Christa gave an overview of the ReConnect applicable area. By applying for the 50/50 grant/loan application, NEK Broadband was able to expand the funded areas. The Governing Board has already approved the idea of Net Neutrality. As an extension of that ideal, the board would like to approve a formal resolution for the Reconnect Grant and the Construction Grants. Find the approved Resolution: [here](#).

Build Strategy and Questions

Motioned: Jennifer Barone Seconded: Kathleen Monroe	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: find that the premature disclosure of the build strategy would substantially disadvantage the NEK Broadband CUD.	37	0	0

Motioned: John Kellogg Seconded: Marjorie Kramer	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: to enter Executive Session under 1 VSA 313 to discuss build strategy.	37	0	0

Motioned: Morgan Wade Seconded: Barb Nolan	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: to exit Executive Session.	37	0	0

- **Discussion Summary:** No preliminary discussion took place. No action was taken in Executive Session. The Board exited Executive Session at 6:20pm.

ARPA and Town Halls

Motioned: Dana Casperson Seconded: John Kellogg	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: find that the premature disclosure of the ARPA Funding and Town Halls discussion would substantially disadvantage the NEK Broadband CUD were it to be made public.	37	0	0

Motioned: Jennifer Barone Seconded: Morgan Wade	For	Against	Abstain
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Motion: to enter Executive Session under 1 VSA 313 to discuss ARPA funding and the Town Hall meetings.	37	0	0
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Motioned: Michael Strait Seconded: Barb Nolan	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: to exit Executive Session.	37	0	0

- **Discussion Summary:** No preliminary discussion took place. No action was taken in Executive Session. The Board exited Executive Session at 6:38pm

[Break-out Sessions: How is the organization doing?](#)

- **Discussion Summary:** The Board broke out into groups to discuss the NEK Broadband organization. The groups reported back during the meeting. An Executive Committee member was in each group and will be taking back the feedback to the Executive Committee to develop an action plan. Feedback included the desire to be well informed, increasing communication and clarity between the board and the organization. It also included a proposal to add additional office hours to Christa’s schedule. The representatives were also excited about all of the work being done and some would like to find clear ways to be involved in the process.

Adjourn

Motioned: William Piper Seconded: Noah Armstrong	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: to adjourn	37	0	0

*Respectfully Submitted,
Jami Jones, NEK Broadband, Clerk*