



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2023 at 4 pm (EST)

Attendees: Ray Lanier, Paul Fixx, Michael Strait

Employees: Shannon LaCasse (Clerk), Christ Shute (ED), Danielle Sukkaew, Kitty Ufford-Chase, Erik Townsend, Marc Hughes, Jason Stebbins

Guests: Tony McCleary, Andrew Gaidys, Mike Paletta (NRTC) Mike Reed (Mission Broadband)

Jonathon Baker (4:10), Nick Anzalone (4:22)

Agenda Review

Updates

- Approval of Minutes 4/6/23

Motioned: Michael Strait Seconded: Paul Fixx	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: to approve the meeting minutes from Apr 6, 2023	5	0	0

- Discussion Summary: No Discussion

Motioned: Michael Strait Seconded: Ray Lanier	For	Against	Abstain
Voted to go into Executive Session with consultants and staff to discuss grants finding that premature disclosure could substantially disadvantage the CUD if it were to be made public at this time.	5	0	0

	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: to Exit Executive Session.	5	0	0

- No Actions were taken in Executive Session

Motioned: Paul Fixx Seconded: Michael Strait	For	Against	Abstain
<p>Whereas, the US Department of Agriculture has informed NEK Broadband that our application for a grant from the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) ReConnect Program has been approved. Whereas, RUS requires a board resolution to authorize an individual to sign on behalf of the organization the Award/Offer Letter and the Grant Agreement. Whereas, the NEK Broadband Governing Board has vested the authority to provide such resolutions in accordance with the NEK Broadband bylaws. Whereas, NEK Broadband's outside counsel has reviewed the agreement without legal concerns and the Executive Director's questions have been satisfactorily answered. Therefore, be it resolved that NEK Broadband by the power vested in the Executive Committee hereby authorizes Christa Shute, Executive Director for the Communications Union District, to sign the Award/Offer Letter and the Grant Agreement related to the grant designated as VT 1701-A73 in the amount of \$17,463,911, which is the 75% grant portion of the total project.</p>	5	0	0

- Discussion Summary: No Discussion
- Board Meetings
 - May- Agenda will be set on Monday with the check in team
 - June- in person meeting in Danville, 10 am until 4 pm
- Underground Policy
 - The options of what we would offer were discussed. It will be brought to the affordability committee to review once complete.

Adjourn

Shannon LaCasse

Respectfully Submitted

by Shannon LaCasse

NEK Broadband Executive Assistant