



# Governing Board Meeting Minutes - Approved May 14, 2024

March 14, 2024

In-Person Location: None - see note re ACT 78 below.

**Attendees:** See attached list.

5:36 pm

## Role Call & Agenda Review - 2 Min

## Public Comment - 2 Min

None

## Consent Agenda - 1 Min

- Approval of Meeting Minutes

<b>Motioned: Kathleen Monroe Seconded: Marty Feltus</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Motion: to approve the Consent Agenda.</b>	25	0	0

## Updates

### Executive Committee Action Review & Affirmation

<b>Motioned: Mary Metcalf Seconded: Sally Vallat</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Motion: that the Governing Board affirms receipt and confirmation, with no proposed revision or alteration, of the Executive Committee Actions document.</b>	25	0	0

Discussion- None

## ReConnect 5 Funding Request

Ed Brady entered at 5:39

Christa went over the details of our loan application for ReConnect 5.

Marjorie Kramer entered at 5:42  
Gaston Bathalon entered at 5:44

Decided to hold the motion for the funding request until after the CVFiber discussion.

### **NEK Broadband Executive Committee Charter Updates**

<b>Motioned: Nick Anzalone Seconded: Sally Vallat</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Motion: to accept the updates to the NEK Broadband Executive Committee Charter Updates as presented.</b>	30	0	0

Laura Emery, Jock Gill, Richard Schiller and Bruce Wheeler entered at 5:52

Discussion: Christa had Andy Montrol, NEK Broadband General Council, review the document and he had a few suggestions. Board members who are not on the Executive Committee should review this document in order to have checks and balances in place.

### **Town Meeting Day Recap and Customer Update**

Kitty and Tonya did a recap of town meeting day. They also gave an overview of the current and future customers.

### **Updates on Telephone Service and Discussion of Wireless Service**

Tonya reviewed the telephone service plan offering that will be available in April. We will be offering a bundle with home phone landlines. The battery backup prices will be announced next week. The battery backup will work for both landline and fiber internet services.

Christa discussed the potential of offering wireless service and a few concerns that have been brought to her attention. The timeline for offering a wireless service is going to be pushed out a bit. Christa encouraged board members to contact Kitty and Tonya with questions/concerns.

## Confidential Update on CVFiber Partnership

**6:23**

<b>Motioned: Terri Caron</b> <b>Seconded: Mary Metcalf</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Motion: to go into Executive Session with staff and consultants to discuss CVFiber partnership updates , finding that premature disclosure could substantially disadvantage the CUD if it were to be made public at this time.</b>	30	0	0

Bill Davis left at 6:57

6:58 left executive session

No Action was taken

<b>Motioned: Michael Strait</b> <b>Seconded: Rudy Chase</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Motion: accept the SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE FUNDING REQUEST RESOLUTION as presented: WHEREAS, the management of the Communications Union District has indicated that it would be desirable for the Communications Union District to submit an application to obtain funding from the United States Government, acting through the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service ("RUS") and the United States Department of Agriculture's federal Rural E-Connectivity Program ("ReConnect Loan and Grant Program"), to obtain funding in the form of a 100% loan subject to a maximum award amount of \$15M to be used for such purposes, as approved by RUS, including to increase, improve, maintain, or repair the Communications Union District's physical plant. WHEREAS, the Board of Directors deems it to be in the best interests of the Communications Union District to enter into a RUS loan and authorizes the Executive Director to approve the application for the</b>	29	0	0

<p>proposed 100% loan, <u>RESOLUTIONS RESOLVED</u>, that the Communications Union District shall apply to obtain funds from the United States Government, acting through the Administrator of RUS and the United States Department of Agriculture’s federal ReConnect Loan and Grant Program, pursuant to a request for funding, in an amount anticipated not to exceed \$15M, to be used for such purposes as approved by RUS;</p>			
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<b>Motioned: Noah Armstrong Seconded: Sally Vallat</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Motion: to go into Executive Session with staff and consultants to discuss CVFiber partnership updates , finding that premature disclosure could substantially disadvantage the CUD if it were to be made public at this time.</b>	29	0	0

Kathleen Monroe, Theresa Caron, Rudy Chase, Mary Metcalf, Terrence Curran, Eric Pope, Jock Gill, left at 7:03 Hadley Piper left at 7:07 Sally Vallat, William Davis, and John Stone left at 7:11 Gaston Bathalon and Noah Armstrong left at 7:15 Lynnette Deatte, Michael Gaiss left at 7:16 Mark Whitworth left at 7:18 Davis Stahler Jr, Malcolm Doak, and Rudy Chase left at 7:20 Carrie Glessner and Neil Glassman left at 7:26 Nick Anzalone left at 7:28

Lost quorum during executive session  
7:30 left executive session no action was taken

*Drafted by*  
*Shannon LaCasse, NEK Broadband, Clerk*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Member Town</b>	<b>Type</b>				
<b>Rob Dewees</b>	<b>Albany</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>v</b>		<b>Voting</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Kathleen Monroe</b>	<b>Barnet</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>p</b>		<b>Present</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Neil Glassman</b>	<b>Barnet</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>v</b>		<b>Staff/Vendor</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Amy Crouch</b>	<b>Barton</b>	<b>Alternate</b>			<b>Public</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Christopher Altmus</b>	<b>Barton</b>	<b>Primary</b>				<b>45</b>
<b>Nate Nugent</b>	<b>Bloomfield</b>	<b>Primary</b>				
<b>Michael Strait</b>	<b>Brighton</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>v</b>			<b>24</b>
<b>James Ozone</b>	<b>Brighton</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>p</b>			
<b>Noah Bond</b>	<b>Brighton</b>	<b>Alternate</b>				
<b>Amber Hastings</b>	<b>Brownington</b>	<b>Primary</b>				
<b>William Davis</b>	<b>Brownington</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>v</b>			
<b>David Caron</b>	<b>Brunswick</b>	<b>Primary</b>				
<b>Theresa Caron</b>	<b>Brunswick</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>v</b>			
<b>Todd Vendituoli</b>	<b>Burke</b>	<b>Primary</b>				
<b>Ann Morgan Wade</b>	<b>Canaan</b>	<b>Primary</b>				
<b>Frank Sawicki, Jr</b>	<b>Canaan</b>	<b>Alternate</b>				

<b>John Kellogg</b>	<b>Charleston</b>	<b>Alternate</b>				
<b>Peggy Stevens</b>	<b>Charleston</b>	<b>Primary</b>				
<b>Bill Humphrey</b>	<b>Concord</b>	<b>Primary</b>				
<b>David Barlow</b>	<b>Coventry</b>	<b>Primary</b>	v			
<b>Phil Marquette</b>	<b>Coventry</b>	<b>Alternate</b>				
<b>Rudy Chase</b>	<b>Craftsbury</b>	<b>Primary</b>	v			
<b>Brian Machesney</b>	<b>Craftsbury</b>	<b>Alternate</b>				
<b>Katherine Sims</b>	<b>Craftsbury</b>	<b>Alternate</b>				
<b>Jonathan Baker</b>	<b>Danville</b>	<b>Primary</b>				
<b>Bob Kelley</b>	<b>Derby</b>	<b>Alternate</b>				
<b>Grant Spates</b>	<b>Derby</b>	<b>Alternate</b>				
<b>Karen Chitambar</b>	<b>Derby</b>	<b>Primary</b>				
<b>Noah Armstrong</b>	<b>Glover</b>	<b>Primary</b>	v			
<b>Hadley Piper</b>	<b>Glover</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	p			
<b>Sheryl Brown</b>	<b>Granby</b>	<b>Alternate</b>				
<b>Sonia Peters</b>	<b>Granby</b>	<b>Primary</b>				
<b>Mary Metcalf</b>	<b>Greensboro</b>	<b>Primary</b>	v			
<b>John Stone</b>	<b>Greensboro</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	p			

<i>Terrence Curran</i>	<i>Groton</i>	<i>Alternate</i>	<i>p</i>			
<i>Mike Gaiss</i>	<i>Groton</i>	<i>Primary</i>	<i>v</i>			
<i>John Orlowski</i>	<i>Guildhall</i>	<i>Primary</i>				
<i>Richard Schiller</i>	<i>Guildhall</i>	<i>Alternate</i>	<i>v</i>			
<i>Paul Fixx</i>	<i>Hardwick</i>	<i>Primary</i>	<i>v</i>			
<i>Ed Brady</i>	<i>Holland</i>	<i>Alternate</i>	<i>v</i>			
<i>Andrew Bouchard</i>	<i>Holland</i>	<i>Primary</i>				
<i>Ari Smith</i>	<i>Irasburg</i>	<i>Public</i>				
<i>Lynnette Deaette</i>	<i>Jay</i>	<i>Primary</i>	<i>v</i>			
<i>Le-Ann Tetrault</i>	<i>Jay</i>	<i>Alternate</i>				
<i>Tara Morse</i>	<i>Jay</i>	<i>Alternate</i>				
<i>Dana Caspersen</i>	<i>Kirby</i>	<i>Primary</i>				
<i>Malcolm Doak</i>	<i>Kirby</i>	<i>Alternate</i>	<i>v</i>			
<i>William Gilbert</i>	<i>Lemington</i>	<i>Primary</i>	<i>v</i>			
<i>Beth Ellingwood</i>	<i>Lemington</i>	<i>Alternate</i>				
<i>Marjorie Kramer</i>	<i>Lowell</i>	<i>Primary</i>	<i>v</i>			

<b>Faye Starr</b>	<b>Lowell</b>	<b>Alternate</b>				
<b>Harry Williams</b>	<b>Lunenburg</b>	<b>Primary</b>				
<b>James Peyton</b>	<b>Lunenburg</b>	<b>Alternate</b>				
<b>Marty Feltus</b>	<b>Lyndon</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>v</b>			
<b>Jack Donnelly</b>	<b>Maidstone</b>	<b>Primary</b>				
<b>Eric Pope</b>	<b>Morgan</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>v</b>			
<b>Larry Labor</b>	<b>Morgan</b>	<b>Alternate</b>				
<b>Ben Tilford</b>	<b>Newark</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>v</b>			
<b>Mark Whitworth</b>	<b>Newark</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>p</b>			
<b>Chris Vachon</b>	<b>Newport City</b>	<b>Alternate</b>				
<b>Woodman Page</b>	<b>Newport City</b>	<b>Primary</b>				
<b>David Ghelli</b>	<b>Newport Town</b>	<b>Alternate</b>				
<b>Wendy Matthews</b>	<b>Newport Town</b>	<b>Primary</b>				
<b>Sally Vallat</b>	<b>Norton</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>v</b>			
<b>Cheryl Shepherd</b>	<b>Norton</b>	<b>Alternate</b>				
<b>Jock Gill</b>	<b>Peacham</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>v</b>			
<b>Karen Lewis</b>	<b>Peacham</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>p</b>			
<b>Shawn Burroughs</b>	<b>Ryegate</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>v</b>			



<b>Nelson Elder</b>	<b>Ryegate</b>	<b>Alternate</b>				
<b>Annie McLean</b>	<b>Sheffield</b>	<b>Alternate</b>				
	<b>Sheffield</b>	<b>Primary</b>				
<b>Nicolas Anzalone</b>	<b>St Johnsbury</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>v</b>			
<b>Evan Carlson</b>	<b>Sutton</b>	<b>Primary</b>				
<b>David Tucker</b>	<b>Sutton</b>	<b>Alternate</b>				
<b>Gaston Bathalon</b>	<b>Troy</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>v</b>			
<b>Robert Langlands</b>	<b>Troy</b>	<b>Primary</b>				
<b>Anthony Soldo</b>	<b>UTGs</b>	<b>Alternate</b>				
<b>David Conley</b>	<b>UTGs</b>	<b>Primary</b>				
<b>Seth O'Brien</b>	<b>Walden</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>v</b>			
<b>Bill Piper</b>	<b>Waterford</b>	<b>Primary</b>				
<b>Mike Barrett</b>	<b>Waterford</b>	<b>Primary</b>				
<b>Carrie Glessner</b>	<b>Westfield</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>v</b>			
<b>Laura Emery</b>	<b>Westfield</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>p</b>			
<b>Ray Lanier</b>	<b>Westmore</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>p</b>			
<b>Donna Dzugas</b>	<b>Westmore</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>v</b>			

<b>Linda Michniewicz</b>	<b>Westmore</b>	<b>Alternate</b>				
<b>Eileen Boland</b>	<b>Wheelock</b>	<b>Primary</b>				
<b>David Stahler Jr.</b>	<b>Wheelock</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>v</b>			
<b>Bradley Horstman</b>	<b>Wolcott</b>	<b>Alternate</b>				
<b>Bruce Wheeler</b>	<b>Wolcott</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>v</b>			
<b>Lee Willette</b>	<b>MBI</b>					
<b>Matt Hubbard</b>	<b>MBI</b>					
<b>Mike Reed</b>	<b>MBI</b>					
<b>Christa Shute</b>	<b>NEK Broadband</b>		<b>s</b>			
<b>Danielle Sukkaew</b>	<b>NEK Broadband</b>		<b>s</b>			
<b>Denise Sullivan</b>	<b>NEK Broadband</b>					
<b>Kitty Ufford-Chase</b>	<b>NEK Broadband</b>		<b>s</b>			
<b>Shannon LaCasse</b>	<b>NEK Broadband</b>		<b>s</b>			
<b>Erik Townsend</b>	<b>NEK Broadband</b>					
<b>Jason Stebbins</b>	<b>NEK Broadband</b>					
<b>Tonya Ozone</b>	<b>NEK Broadband</b>		<b>s</b>			

