



Governing Board Meeting Minutes

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

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

Updates

Executive Committee Action Review & Affirmation

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

Motioned: Nick Anzalone Seconded: Sally Vallat	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: to accept the updates to the NEK Broadband Executive Committee Charter Updates as presented.	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 the landline and the 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 any questions/concerns.

Confidential Update on CV Fiber Partnership

6:23

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

Bill Davis left at 6:57

6:58 left executive session

No Action was taken

Motioned: Michael Strait Seconded: Rudy Chase	For	Against	Abstain
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	29	0	0

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 proposed 100% loan, <u>RESOLUTIONS</u> RESOLVED, 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;			
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Motioned: Noah Armstrong Seconded: Sally Vallat	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: to go into Executive Session with staff and consultants to discuss CV Fiber partnership updates , finding that premature disclosure could substantially disadvantage the CUD if it were to be made public at this time.	29	0	0

Kathleen Monroe, Theresa Caron, Rudy Chase, Mary Metcalf, Terrenace 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

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

<i>Ann Morgan Wade</i>	<i>Canaan</i>	<i>Primary</i>				
<i>Frank Sawicki, Jr</i>	<i>Canaan</i>	<i>Alternate</i>				
<i>John Kellogg</i>	<i>Charleston</i>	<i>Alternate</i>				
<i>Peggy Stevens</i>	<i>Charleston</i>	<i>Primary</i>				
<i>Bill Humphrey</i>	<i>Concord</i>	<i>Primary</i>				
<i>David Barlow</i>	<i>Coventry</i>	<i>Primary</i>	<i>v</i>			
<i>Phil Marquette</i>	<i>Coventry</i>	<i>Alternate</i>				
<i>Rudy Chase</i>	<i>Craftsbury</i>	<i>Primary</i>	<i>v</i>			
<i>Brian Machesney</i>	<i>Craftsbury</i>	<i>Alternate</i>				
<i>Katherine Sims</i>	<i>Craftsbury</i>	<i>Alternate</i>				
<i>Jonathan Baker</i>	<i>Danville</i>	<i>Primary</i>				
<i>Bob Kelley</i>	<i>Derby</i>	<i>Alternate</i>				
<i>Grant Spates</i>	<i>Derby</i>	<i>Alternate</i>				
<i>Karen Chitambar</i>	<i>Derby</i>	<i>Primary</i>				
<i>Noah Armstrong</i>	<i>Glover</i>	<i>Primary</i>	<i>v</i>			
<i>Hadley Piper</i>	<i>Glover</i>	<i>Alternate</i>	<i>p</i>			

Sheryl Brown	Granby	Alternate				
Sonia Peters	Granby	Primary				
Mary Metcalf	Greensboro	Primary	v			
John Stone	Greensboro	Alternate	p			
Terrence Curran	Groton	Alternate	p			
Mike Gaiss	Groton	Primary	v			
John Orlowski	Guildhall	Primary				
Richard Schiller	Guildhall	Alternate	v			
Paul Fixx	Hardwick	Primary	v			
Ed Brady	Holland	Alternate	v			
Andrew Bouchard	Holland	Primary				
Ari Smith	Irasburg	Public				
Lynnette Deaette	Jay	Primary	v			
Le-Ann Tetrault	Jay	Alternate				
Tara Morse	Jay	Alternate				
Dana Caspersen	Kirby	Primary				

Malcolm Doak	Kirby	Alternate	v			
William Gilbert	Lemington	Primary	v			
Beth Ellingwood	Lemington	Alternate				
Marjorie Kramer	Lowell	Primary	v			
Faye Starr	Lowell	Alternate				
Harry Williams	Lunenburg	Primary				
James Peyton	Lunenburg	Alternate				
Marty Feltus	Lyndon	Alternate	v			
Jack Donnelly	Maidstone	Primary				
Eric Pope	Morgan	Primary	v			
Larry Labor	Morgan	Alternate				
Ben Tilford	Newark	Primary	v			
Mark Whitworth	Newark	Alternate	p			
Chris Vachon	Newport City	Alternate				
Woodman Page	Newport City	Primary				
David Ghelli	Newport Town	Alternate				
Wendy Matthews	Newport Town	Primary				
Sally Vallat	Norton	Primary	v			

Cheryl Shepherd	Norton	Alternate				
Jock Gill	Peacham	Primary	v			
Karen Lewis	Peacham	Alternate	p			
Shawn Burroughs	Ryegate	Primary	v			
Nelson Elder	Ryegate	Alternate				
Annie McLean	Sheffield	Alternate				
	Sheffield	Primary				
Nicolas Anzalone	St Johnsbury	Primary	v			
Evan Carlson	Sutton	Primary				
David Tucker	Sutton	Alternate				
Gaston Bathalon	Troy	Alternate	v			
Robert Langlands	Troy	Primary				
Anthony Soldo	UTGs	Alternate				
David Conley	UTGs	Primary				
Seth O'Brien	Walden	Primary	v			
Bill Piper	Waterford	Primary				

Mike Barrett	Waterford	Primary				
Carrie Glessner	Westfield	Primary	v			
Laura Emery	Westfield	Alternate	p			
Ray Lanier	Westmore	Alternate	p			
Donna Dzugas	Westmore	Primary	v			
Linda Michniewicz	Westmore	Alternate				
Eileen Boland	Wheelock	Primary				
David Stahler Jr.	Wheelock	Alternate	v			
Bradley Horstman	Wolcott	Alternate				
Bruce Wheeler	Wolcott	Alternate	v			
Lee Willette	MBI					
Matt Hubbard	MBI					
Mike Reed	MBI					
Christa Shute	NEK Broadband		s			
Danielle Sukkaew	NEK Broadband		s			
Denise Sullivan	NEK Broadband					

Kitty Ufford-Chase	NEK Broadband		s			
Shannon LaCasse	NEK Broadband		s			
Erik Townsend	NEK Broadband					
Jason Stebbins	NEK Broadband					
Tonya Ozone	NEK Broadband		s			
Andy Montroll	NEK Broadband General Council					
Heather Alger	NEKCA - ACP					
Andrew Gaidys	NRTC					
Steve Crossman	NRTC					
Kurt Gruendling	WCVT					
Roger Nishi	WCVT					
Todd Garthaffner	WCVT					
Deb Shannon	Consultant		s			
Jennille Smith	CVFiber					

