

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

April 4 2024 5:30 pm

Attendees:

EC Members- Mary Metcalf, Nick Anzalone, Paul Fixx, William Piper, Sally Vallat, Ray Lanier, Michael Strait, Jonathan Baker

Staff and Treasurer- Shannon LaCasse, Tonya Ozone, Danielle Sukkaew, Kitty Chase, Christa Shute, Deb Shannon

Board Members- Marty Feltus, Rob Dewees, Brian Machesney, Ray Lanier, James Ozone, Richard Schiller, David Barlow, Jock Gill

5:33pm

Agenda Review New Business

Motioned: Sally Vallat	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: approve minutes from the 3/21/24 meeting.	7	0	0

Seasonal Policy and Underground Policy

Tonya reviewed the 5 options for those wishing to use broadband services for part of the year. There was discussion about the language used in order to distinguish the differences between year round and seasonal policies. The harmonization of policies when grants have different requirements was discussed. For now policies will remain the same across the district and changes necessary for grant reasons will be evaluated as necessary.

Jonathan entered at 5:41

Motioned: Paul Fixx Seconded: Michael Strait	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: to approve the <u>Seasonal Policy</u> with the modification that number 5, the ability to pre-pay the \$2000	8	0	0

installation cost result in a \$10 discount will be available to all customers whether they anticipate using the service year		
round or seasonally.		

Tonya and Christa reviewed the Underground Pilot Policy. Tonya discussed the Affordable Ditching Policy.

Motioned: Nick Anzalone Seconded: Mary Metcalf	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: to approve the Community ToolShare Program - Affordable Ditching which will provide a 'do it yourself' opportunity for NEK residents.	8	0	0

Phone Service Update

Tonya reviewed phone service packages.

RFP217 Engineer for ReConnect Update

Seven bids were received and we are negotiating with three companies.

Partnership and Contract Negotiations

Motioned: Michael Strait	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: Voted to go into Executive Session under the provisions of 1 VSA §313 with staff, consultants, and board members in order to discuss partnership and contract negotiations finding that premature disclosure could substantially disadvantage the CUD if it were to be made public at this time.	8	0	0

Left at 7:06

Brian, Danielle, Jonathan, Deb and Marty left during the executive session.

Adjourn

Motioned: Michael Strait Seconded: Sally Vallat	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: to adjourn at 7:07	7	0	0

Drafted by Shannon LaCasse, Clerk