



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

December 22, 2023

4pm

Attendees:

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

Staff and Treasurer- Shannon LaCasse, Christa Shute, Denise Sullivan

4:03pm

Agenda Review

Added Digital Equity Fund Affordability Policy to the agenda

New Business

Reconnect Grant Approval

Motioned: Michael Strait Seconded: William Piper	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: To RESOLVE that the District accept a grant from the United States of America(the "Government,") acting through the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service("RUS,") an amount not to exceed \$17,463,911, ("Grant") to be used for such purposes as approved by RUS, and To RESOLVE that the Executive Director is authorized on behalf of the District to execute and deliver as many counterparts, respectively, as shall be deemed advisable of grant documents,including a Grant and Security Agreement, deposit account control agreement and financing statements, as required by RUS; To RESOLVE that a separate account (hereinafter called the "Pledged Deposit Account"), be opened in Community National	6	0	0

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Bank and all proceeds of the Grant shall be deposited in such account which shall be pledged to the Government and held in accordance with the provisions of the Grant and Security Agreement and the deposit account control agreement; and To RESOLVE that the officers of the District be, and each of them is authorized in the name and on behalf of the District, to execute all such instruments, make all such payments and do all such other acts as in the opinion of the officer or officers acting may be necessary or appropriate in order to carry out the purposes and intent of the foregoing resolutions.			

Discussion-discussed the account regulations

Motioned: Paul Fixx Seconded: Michael Strait	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: to nominate Nick Anzalone as Vice Chair	6	0	0

No Discussion

Motioned: Michael Strait Seconded: Sally Vallat	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: to allow the Executive Director to make or approve any changes to the Reconnect Grant documents as presented to facilitate and expedite executions of such documents.	6	0	0

No Discussion

Digital Equity Fund

Motioned: Nick Anzalone Seconded: Michael Strait	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: to start a digital equity fund to provide \$25 discounts to income sensitive families eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program, where funding is generated from:	6	0	0

Motioned: Nick Anzalone Seconded: Michael Strait	For	Against	Abstain
<p>(1) every person that signs up for 500/500 enables a \$25 discount to an income sensitive family and every person that signs up for 1G/1G enables a \$25 discount to three income sensitive families.</p> <p>(2) Create the ability when people sign up for service to round their bill up and/or select an amount to donate to an equity fund.</p> <p>(3) any philanthropic funds raised or monies donated.</p>			

No Discussion

Adjourn

Motioned: Nick Anzalone Seconded: Michael Strait	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: to adjourn at 4:24pm	6	0	0

Drafted by Shannon LaCasse, Clerk