



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

March 21 2024

5:30 pm

Attendees:

EC Members- Paul Fixx, Mary Metcalf, Sally Vallat, Michael Strait, Ray Lanier, William Piper
Staff and Treasurer- Christa Shute, Tonya Ozone, Denise Sullivan, Kitty Ufford-Chase
Consultants- Mike Reed

5:36pm

Agenda Review

New Business

Motioned: Mary Metcalf	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: approve minutes from the 3/7/24 meeting.	6	0	0

Discussion- none

Telephone Service Pricing

Motioned: Sally Vallat Seconded: Michael Strait	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: to approve telephone service pricing of \$29 per month plus tax for residential and \$35 per month plus tax for business with \$30 activation fee, unless additional wiring is needed, in which case the fee becomes \$105 and a proposed battery price of \$99-\$125. Battery price to be finalized by staff.	6	0	0

RFP217 Engineer for ReConnect Update

Christa discussed the bids received. They are reviewing and will start to contact applicants next week.

Grant Updates

Christa discussed the BEAD Challenge process and stated NEK Broadband chose not to do any challenges on the map. VCUDA will hire Deb Shannon to assist with digital equity projects pending VCBB approval of funding. The ReConnect 5 submission will be a \$10 to \$15 million dollar request. Christa will start the application process tonight at midnight and submit next week.

Partnership and Contract Negotiations

CVFiber Partnership and Committee Participation

5:59pm

Motioned: Michael Strait Seconded: Mary Metcalf	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: Voted to go into Executive Session under the provisions of 1 VSA §313 with staff and consultants in order to discuss partnership and contract negotiations and the CVFiber partnership and committee participation finding that premature disclosure could substantially disadvantage the CUD if it were to be made public at this time.	6	0	0

Left executive session at 7:06- no decisions were made

Motioned: Michael Strait Seconded: Sally Vallat	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: to create a working group to evaluate a potential merger and participate in a joint merger committee as appropriate.	6	0	0

No discussion

Motioned: Michael Strait Seconded: Sally Vallat	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: authorization to enter into a contract regarding RDOF in substantially the same form as was presented to the executive committee.	6	0	0

Discussion- will name the company when the contract is signed and the ETC filed.

Working group invitations will be sent to governing board members who expressed interest. And the group will have at least one governing board member who is not a member of the finance or executive committee.

Executive Committee members and staff thanked Shannon LaCasse for her work and expressed appreciation for her willingness to help out on Thursday evenings.

Adjourn

Motioned: Mary Metcalf Seconded: Ray Lanier	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: to adjourn at 7:13pm	6	0	0

Drafted by Shannon LaCasse, Clerk