



CVFIBER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Maplewood Travelers Service Center, 159 Paine Turnpike N, Berlin, VT
and virtually via GoToMeeting
November 11, 2021

Present:

Committee members: Jeremy Hansen (Berlin), Ray Pelletier (Northfield), Siobhan Perricone (Orange), Chuck Burt (Moretown), David Healy (Calais), Allen Gilbert (Worcester)

Absent: Jeremy Matt (Plainfield)

Others: Jerry Diamantides (Project Manager), Will Anderson (VCUDA)

Called to Order: 5:00PM by Jeremy Hansen.

Additions or changes to the agenda:

- Discussion of the fiber purchase

Public comment:

- None

Approve Minutes: November 2, 2021

- MOTION (Jeremy Hansen; second David Healy) to approve the November 2, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. No Discussion. Passed unanimously.

Bills to Pay, Financial Report

- MOTION (Ray Pelletier; second Allen Gilbert) Make the first payment to Batchelder Associates in the amount of \$5000. Passed unanimously. No discussion.

Appoint operator negotiator

- MOTION (Ray Pelletier; second Siobhan Perricone) Move to appoint Jerry Diamantides and Ray Pelletier as the "Negotiators" of the CVFiber Developer-Operator agreements with the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC), Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom (WCVT), and Mission Broadband, Inc, (MBI) team, such agreements being subject to Executive Committee approval and Governing Board award. The Negotiators are authorized to request the assistance of Board members and to recommend to the Executive Committee for its approval such consultants and attorneys as they may need to be engaged. Passed unanimously. No discussion

- MOTION (David Healy; second Ray Pelletier) Move that CVFiber engage attorney Andrew Montroll for legal services in conjunction with the negotiation of the developer-operator agreements. Passed unanimously. No discussion

Fiber Purchase

- MOTION (David Healy; second Ray Pelletier) Motion to Pledge of Interest in Grant-in-Aid Revenue with VCF (document); Pledge and Security Agreement with VSECU; and to purchase the following amount of fiber through VCUDA, plus the necessary expenses to get the completion of the arrangement:
 1. 130-miles of 48-strand count fiber at \$1,901/mile for a total of \$247,104
 2. 90-miles of 72-strand count fiber at \$2,957/mile for a total of \$266,112
 3. 80-miles of 144-strand count fiber at \$4,646/mile for a total of \$371,712
 4. Grand total: \$884,928

Passed unanimously. Discussion:

- Some discussion about Equal Access to Broadband efforts at bringing fast Internet access to low-income Vermonters, including an app to help social workers advertise connectivity aid programs, some previous work with United Way, and the importance of a single, easy criterion for qualifying folks for aid.

Meeting Adjourned

- MOTION: (Jeremy Hansen) to adjourn at 5:39PM. No Discussion. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy Matt, Clerk

Summary of Tasks Assigned:

- None