



CVFIBER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Virtually on MS Teams

October 26, 2022

Present:

Executive Committee Delegates: Allen Gilbert (Worcester), Siobhan Perricone (Orange), Ray Pelletier (Northfield), David Healy (Calais), Jerry Diamantides (Berlin), Jeremy Matt (Plainfield), Chuck Burt (Moretown)

Absent:

Others Present: Jennille Smith (Executive Director), David Lawrence (Middlesex)

Call to order: Jerry Diamantides called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. JD noted that this is a single-item meeting.

Additions to the agenda:

- None

Public comment

- None

Construction Contract and Schedule

- JD noted that we're expecting to have 9-10 applications approved by the end of the week. We did a rideout with Eustis and NRTC; the level of makeready is impressive. Jennille noted that WEC is meeting right now to vote on the 50-year lease for the cabinet for the Calais OLT. Once the OLT is up, we're hoping to string as much of the first 100-miles as possible. The goal of this meeting is to approve the first construction contract. The Scope of Work then needs to be approved by the Governing Board. He noted that we're going to have a single-item special committee meeting on the October 31st to handle this approval.
- JS noted that we're waiting on confirmation from Eustis and NRTC that we can put our fiber on poles without disturbing meters on four poles (because replacement meters aren't available). Once we have that confirmation, we'll get another application approved.
- RP provided background on the Scopes of Work process with respect to Executive Committee and Governing Board approval.

- MOTION (RP second Jeremy Matt) *Whereas the Governing Board awarded construction contracts to more than one contractor, which included Eustis Cable Enterprises (Eustis) on 12 July 2022, subject to successful negotiations, and*

Whereas the Governing Board authorized the Executive Committee to determine that the negotiations had been successful, and that it was authorized to approve the contract terms, and

Whereas the Master Services Agreement has been reviewed by an outside attorney as required, and

Whereas the Negotiating Team has concluded negotiations and recommends the Executive Committee (i) find that the negotiations have been successful and (ii) approve the Master Services Agreement with Eustis and,

Whereas the Negotiating Team has concluded the negotiations with Eustis for the construction of the network and the OLT platform in the Calais OLT District, as well as the OLT platform in the Marshfield OLT District,

It is moved that the Executive Committee find that the CVFiber-Eustis negotiations has been successful and that it approves the CVFiber-Eustis Master Services Agreement, and

It is further moved that the Executive Committee recommends that the Governing Board approve the Statement of Work contracts, SOW1 and SOW2 in the Calais OLT District, and SOW3 for the construction of the Marshfield OLT platform in the Marshfield OLT District and SOW4 for the OLT platform in the Rummney School District. (As Amended).

Passed unanimously. Discussion:

- DH asked about the Rumney School OLT. RP noted that it's not in the list. DH suggested adding the Rumney OLT as a friendly amendment (accepted by Jeremy and Ray)
- Jennille Smith suggested considering a fourth OLT. RP noted that we haven't seen a scope of work so he doesn't support adding the fourth OLT at this time.
- There followed additional discussion of the meeting schedule for approving these contracts.

Roundtable

- David Lawrence asked about coverage on a road in Middlesex. There followed additional discussion about how to discuss construction schedules with the public.

Adjourn

- Adjourned at 5:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy Matt, Clerk

