



## CVFIBER SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Virtually on MS Teams

April 11, 2024

### **Minutes Short Summary**

Stephen Whitaker requested that executive session be recorded and objected to the CVFiber Executive Committee entering executive session. Christa Schute provided an update on the status of the bill allowing for the merger of CUDs (S199). The Executive Committee moved into Executive Session. Upon exiting executive session, no action was taken.

### **Executive Committee Members:**

#### **Present:**

Allen Gilbert (Worcester), David Healey (Calais), Jeremy Matt (Plainfield), Siobhan Perricone (Orange), David Mannix (Marshfield Alternate)

#### **Absent:**

Tom Fisher (East Montpelier), Chuck Burt (Moretown)

**Others Present:** Jennille Smith (Executive Director), Linda Gravell (Waterbury), Sybil Schlesinger (Note taker; Moretown Alternate), Laurie Beth Putnam (Treasurer), Brian Machesney (NEK Broadband), Christa Shute (NEK Broadband), Danielle Sukkaew (NEK Broadband), Deb Shannon (NEK Broadband HR Consultant), Denise Sullivan (NEK Broadband), Donna Dzugas (NEK Broadband), Eileen Boland (NEK Broadband), John Reid (NEK Broadband), Johnathan Baker (NEK Broadband), Marty Feltus (NEK Broadband), Mary Metcalf (NEK Broadband), Michael Strait (NEK Broadband), Mike Reed (Consultant), Morgan Wade (NEK Broadband), Neil Glassman (NEK Broadband), Nick Anzalone (NEK Broadband), Paul Fixx (NEK Broadband), Ray Lanier (NEK Broadband), Rob Dewees (NEK Broadband), Rudy Chase (NEK Broadband), Sally Vallat (NEK Broadband), Shannon Lacasse (NEK Broadband), Terrence Curran (NEK Broadband), Tonya Ozone (NEK Broadband), William Gilbert (NEK Broadband), Stephen Whitaker

**Call to order:** Siobhan Perricone called the meeting to order at 5:38pm.

### **Additions to the agenda:**

- None

### **Public comment**

- Stephen Whitaker requested that CVFiber's executive session be recorded in the event that a judge needs to review whether the executive session strayed into areas that were not eligible under statute for executive session.
- Stephen Whitaker noted that under open meeting law, members of the body need to identify themselves. Allen Gilbert responded that we are identified by our name labels on the zoom call.

### **Discussions with NEK Broadband Executive Committee**

- Christa Shute provided an update on the status of the bill allowing for merger of CUDs (S199). The bill has passed through the Senate Finance Committee and House and Energy and has been moved to the floor for its second reading.
- Stephen Whitaker read from open meeting law and objected to CVFiber's Executive Committee entering executive session on the grounds that he believes CVFiber does not have a valid meeting. Siobhan Perricone recognized Stephen's objection and reiterated that everyone who is a member of the Executive Committee has name labels that are visible in the meeting recording.
- MOTION (Jeremy Matt, Second Allen Gilbert)  
*Move that we find that holding a discussion of strategic planning and potential coordination with NEK Broadband would put CVFiber at a substantial competitive disadvantage in accordance with 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1).*
- Siobhan Perricone turned control of the floor over to NEK Broadband. NEK Broadband moved to enter executive session.
- MOTION (Jeremy Matt, Second Allen Gilbert)  
*Whereas the Executive Committee has found that discussion of strategic planning and potential coordination with NEK Broadband in open session would put CVFiber at a substantial competitive disadvantage,*  
*Move that we enter executive session to consider strategic planning and that CVFiber Board members, alternates, executive director, and treasurer, Mike Reed and the members and staff of NEK Broadband who are present are invited into the executive session as they have information that is needed in accordance with 1 V.S.A. § 313(b).*

Passed unanimously.

**Enter Executive Session at 5:55pm**

**Exit Executive Session at 8:04pm**

No action items.

### **Adjourn at 8:05pm**

- **Motion to Adjourn:** Siobhan Perricone

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeremy Matt, Clerk