



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - approved 11/21/24

Thursday, November 7, 2024

5:30 pm

Attendees:

Executive Committee Members: Christa Shute (Executive Director) Nick Anzalone (Chair), Mary Metcalf, Chuck Burt, Mike Strait, Paul Fixx, John Reid, Ray Lanier, Siobhan Perricone, Brian Machesney, and Jeremy Matt.

Governing Board Members: Rudy Chase

Additional Staff: Tonya Ozone, Danielle Sukkaew, Jennille Smith, Denise Sullivan

5:32 pm Meeting started with a quorum.

Agenda Review - approved with no objections.

Draft Minutes for 10/17/24 & 10/30/24

Motioned: Mary Metcalf Seconded: Mike Strait	Passed with no objections Passed with objections Failed
Motion: to approve the Oct. 17 and Oct. 30 minutes.	Passed with no objections and one abstention (Siobhan)

Public Comment: None

November Annual Meeting

Discussion Summary: Nick went over the agenda for the upcoming Governing Board meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024. The Voting Slate was also discussed. It was decided that Chuck Burt will be on the slate to take the Washington County seat on the EC meeting until next May, along with the other people who have agreed to be on the slate for their respective County seats. There were no suggestions to change the agenda.

Jeremy entered at 5:39pm. Rudy entered at 5:41pm.

Grants and Partnership Updates

Motioned: Chuck Burt Seconded: Siobhan Perricone	Passed with no objections Passed with objections Failed
Motion: to go into Executive Session under the provisions of 1 VSA §313 with EC Members, Board Members, staff, and consultants, in order to discuss grants and partnership updates finding that premature disclosure could substantially disadvantage the CUD if it were to be made public at this time.	Passed with no objections

Denise Sullivan left at 6pm. Denise Sullivan entered at 6:10pm.

Executive session was entered at 5:43pm and ended at 6:23pm. No action was taken.

Agreement with Consolidated Communications, Inc.

Motioned: Jeremy Matt Seconded: Chuck Burt	Passed with no objections Passed with objections Failed
Motion: to authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with Consolidated Communications Inc., submit a Form 214 application to the FCC, and submit an Eligible Telecommunications Petition to the Public Utilities Commission.	Passed with no objections and one abstention (Siobhan)

Hiring Updates

Discussion Summary: We are hiring for four jobs: a CFO position, a Grants Manager position, a Community Connect Coordinator position, and a Warehouse position with free training and a pathway to higher-paying positions such as Installer. Christa welcomed GB members to be part of the interviewing group that is in the process of interviewing first for the CFO position, and then the Grants Manager position. Significant outreach about the positions is in process, including radio spots for the warehouse position, since there has been such little interest so far.

Appreciation for John Reid's service on the Executive Committee

Paul and Nick noted that this is John Reid's last meeting as a formal Executive Committee meeting and expressed his thanks and appreciation for his service, and for his willingness to continue as GB Member for Woodbury.

Adjourn

Motioned: Paul Fixx Seconded: Siobhan Perricone	Passed with no objections Passed with objections Failed
Motion: To adjourn at 6:31 pm.	Passed with no objections

Drafted by Kitty Ufford-Chase