

OCCUD Executive committee meeting 10/12/2022

Present: Amanda O'Connor, Jessica Van Oort, Tony Ferrero, Larry Courcelle, Mike Small, Tim Munks, Jacolyn Savela, Chris Custer, Andrew Quint, John Hill

Call to order at 5:01

Approval of agenda: Chris moves, Tim seconds. Motion approved.

Approval of previous meeting minutes: Chris moves, Andrew seconds. Motion approved.

Executive session to discuss matters where premature general public knowledge would clearly place the public body or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage per 1 V.S.A. §313: Chris Custer, Andrew seconds. Motion approved. Enter executive session at 5:08.

Exit executive session with no decisions made at 5:30.

VCUDA updates: At the most recent meeting they discussed middle mile backbone, definition of underserved. One issue is that the CUDs need representation in the legislature. Presentation about EAB, a fund that will help low-income households to pay for internet access. It will want 25k each year from each CUD, rising to 50k each year. The dues for VCUDA will be over 10k next year—some discussion of whether that is reasonable for us because we are not building our own fiber and so not using most of their services.

VCBB updates: They set up a discussion with the US Department of Agriculture about grants, two of which we may be able to apply for. We have had personal discussions with the USDA about the grants.

Grants status: H315 and H360. We still have the extension for H315 and will use it by the end of the year. The contract for H360 was just signed.

Financials. Warrant of \$4157.03 for the month of September: Chris moves to approve the warrant, Andrew seconds. Motion approved.

Annual Budget: The process is, we approve the financial report including next year's budget, then send it out to the reps and legislative bodies. At a meeting there can be comments on it, and then we take the final vote on approval in December. Motion to approve the financial report and distribute it to our member towns and solicit feedback: Chris moves, Larry seconds. Motion approved.

Next meeting will be Nov. 9, 2022 at 5 PM via Zoom.

John moves to adjourn, Andrew seconds. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 6 PM.

Minutes submitted by Jessica Van Oort, secretary.