

OCCUD executive committee meeting 2-8-2023

Present: Tony Ferraro, Jessica Van Oort, Larry Courcelle, Jacolyn Savela, Chris Custer, Laura Black

Call to order at 5:02 PM

Approve agenda, motion by Larry. Seconded by Chris. Motion passes.

Approve previous meeting minutes, motion by Chris. Seconded by Larry. Motion passes.

Partner discussions: We have been meeting weekly with our potential partner. The agreement is 90 percent finished and has been through legal review several times. We expect to get an update on engineering and cost assessment by this Friday. We are getting close to the point where we need to begin work on the construction grant which will take several months.

Project manager: We heard from them earlier this week that they are okay with the current version of our agreement. We now need to finalize the agreement and get it signed. Hopefully it can be finalized this week.

VCUDA update: We had our legislative day which was well received. VCBB has requested 30 million dollars in matching funds for the middle mile upgrades and it looks like it will pass the House and Senate and the Governor supports it. Our new CUD in Chittenden County is working on hiring an executive director.

VCBB update: Tony has been trying to get access to the portal that is used for construction grant applications.

Approve warrant for \$719.28. Motion by Tony, seconded by Larry. Motion passes.

Our Zoom will need to be renewed in the next couple days, Jacolyn will renew it.

Other business: At the last full board meeting we discussed ways to more easily pay our invoices even if we do not have a quorum. Laura and Jacolyn have worked on a proposal to amend the bylaws to allow three members of the executive committee to approve and pay the invoices. Some discussion of the proposal.

Next meeting: March 8, 5 PM.

Adjourn meeting. Motion by Tony. Seconded by Jacolyn. Motion passes. Adjourned at 5:42.

Minutes submitted by Jessica Van Oort, secretary.