

OCCUD board meeting 4-19-2023

Present: Tony Ferraro, Jessica Van Oort, Kristy Szabo, Mark Teetor, Jacolyn Savela, Chris Custer, Tim Munks, Laura Black, Larry Courcelle, Caleb Boone, Mike Small, David Atherton, Peter Werner, Tracy Richards, John Hill, Heidi Mahoney, Cassandra Hayes

1. Call to order at 5:03
2. Approval of agenda. Motion by Tony, seconded by John. Motion passes.
3. Approval of previous meeting minutes from 3-15-2023. Motion by Tony, seconded by John. Motion passes.
4. Approve 4-19-2023 warrant for \$2439.50. Motion by Tony, seconded by Larry. Motion passes.

5. Executive Committee Updates

Construction Grant Application. We are still making progress with our partner on this application. We may be pushing the meeting for this grant back to July because we've asked our partner for some changes to the engineering design to make sure all the towns see some progress in the first phase of the project.

Status of partner-provider talks: The agreement is basically done. Question by Tracy: Will the towns have to supply any money? Tony: No, based on our current estimates.

6. May 9 Annual Meeting – Organizational meeting to nominate and elect officers, and

executive committee members. An RSVP email will be sent out to ensure a quorum. Tony will be stepping down from the chairmanship as he has gotten an out of state job, so we will need a new chair. Tim: Thanks Tony for all his efforts.

7. VCBB Updates. They asked all the CUDs to investigate and apply for a Northern Borders Regional Commission Catalyst Program grant. There is up to 3 million dollars available for a project like ours. We need to submit a letter of intent by Friday April 21 and we are working to meet that deadline. The application will be due in the summer and awarded in the fall.

8. VCUDA updates. Met April 11, discussed conflict of interest policy which is being worked on. May 5 is the deadline for digital equity comments. Discussion regarding Green Mountain Power and right of ways—for towns without zoning they need landowners' permission to cross their property. Discussion on CUDs needing to be sustainable to survive.

9. Re-Appointments of Representatives and Alternates are due by April 24th. Tony sent out a reminder to the Selectboards yesterday. Please submit reappointment forms by email to Tony and Jessica if you haven't done so yet.

10. Confirm next meeting. Tuesday May 9 Annual Organizational Meeting, 5 PM. We will not have our regular monthly meeting on May 17.

11. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn by Tim, seconded by Laura. Motion passes. Adjourned at 5:37.

Minutes submitted by Jessica Van Oort, secretary