



**December 5, 2023 – 4:00 PM**

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**Special Governing Board Meeting Minutes**

Otter Creek Cud Governing Board Representatives & Alternates:					
TOWN	REP NAME / ALT NAME	P/A	TOWN	REP NAME / ALT NAME	P/A
Benson	Steve Murrill	P	Pittsford	David Atherton	P
Brandon	<b>Peter Werner</b> / Bill Moore	P	Poultney	<b>Mark Teetor</b> / Terry Williams	P
Castleton	Tim Munks	A	Rutland Town	<i>No Appointment Received</i>	
Chittenden	Andrew Quint	A	Rutland City	Alex Adams	P
Fair Haven	Tracy Richards	A	Shrewsbury	<b>Laura Black</b> , Chair / Alan Shelvey	P
Goshen	Tyler Davidson-Toman	P	Sudbury	Mike Small	P
Hubbardton	Chris Custer	P	Wells	<b>Eleanor Jones</b> , Secretary / Sharon Corey	P
Mendon	Larry Courcelle, Vice Chair	P	West Haven	Jennifer Book / <b>Kerry Ellis</b>	P
Pawlet	Jessica Van Oort	P	West Rutland	<i>No Appointment Received</i>	
Jackie Savela, OCCUD Treasurer					

Other attendees: Rob Fish, Alexei Monsarrat, Christine Hallquist - VCBB

1. Roll call, confirm quorum: Quorum of members confirmed.
2. Call to order - Start recording the meeting: Started at 4:01 pm.
3. Approval of agenda: Motion by Mark, second by Chris. Motion passed.
4. Public input (limited to 3 minutes per presenter): None
5. Build-out plan in OTELCO territory.

- Discussion in Executive Session\*\*
- Motion to approve. Motion to be developed in executive session.

Motion for executive session by Mark, second by Alex. Motion passed. Started at 4:04 pm.

Ended executive session at 5:32 pm. Laura proposed this motion - Shall OCCUD Accept the GNS network build plan in the Otelco territory as part of our Universal Service Plan and, Amend the grant agreement with VCBB to reflect this change and to add all of the OCCUD/CCI Phase 3 addresses into Phase 2 of the OCCUD/CCI build plan, under the conditions that OCCUD and GNS complete a Network Construction and Operations Agreement\* by Dec 20<sup>th</sup>.

- \*The Agreement shall include - a default provision to allow OCCUD to build in the Otelco territory if GNS fails to build per the stated terms.
- \*The Agreement shall include - obligations for GNS to report its network performance metrics, customer service metrics, to OCCUD through the period of its EACAM support.
- \*The Agreement shall include - GNS commitment to pricing plans competitive with CCI in OCCUD. (or ?)
- \*The Agreement shall include commitment to community service such as (TBD).
- \*The Agreement shall include continuity terms (to be passed on to a future owner of GNS).
- \*The Agreement shall include the description of its network infrastructure design.

Motion made by David, second by Mark. Nay votes by Mike Small and Steve Murrill. Motion passed.

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Laura asked for volunteers to work on this agreement between OCCUD and GNS – Mike and Steve volunteered and Eleanor is available if needed.

6. Adjournment.: Motion to adjourn by Chris, second by David. Motion passed. Adjourned @5:38 pm.

\*\* Executive Session - due to finding that premature general public knowledge would clearly place the public body or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage, per 1 V.S.A. § 313 (1) (A).