



October 16, 2024 – 5:00 PM

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Governing Board Meeting Minutes

2024 - Otter Creek CUD Governing Board Representatives & Alternates:					
TOWN	REP NAME / ALT NAME	P/A	TOWN	REP NAME / ALT NAME	P/A
Benson	Steve Murray / Lynn Bowen	A	Pittsford	Brett Mullin / Greg Hiltz	P
Brandon	Peter Werner / Bill Moore	P	Poultney	Mark Teetor / Terry Williams	P
Castleton	Leslie Cadwell / Ted Molnar	P	Rutland Town	Dannielle Mumma / Andrew Palmer	P
Chittenden	Andrew Quint	A	Rutland City	Alex Adams	A
Fair Haven	Jason Coupol	A	Shrewsbury	Laura Black, Chair	P
Goshen	Tyler Davidson-Toman	A	Sudbury	Mike Small / Tom Myer	P
Hubbardton	Chris Custer	P	Wells		-
Mendon	Larry Courcelle, Vice Chair / Valerie Taylor	P	West Haven	Jennifer Book / Kerry Ellis	A
Pawlet	Jessica Van Oort	P	West Rutland	<i>No Appointment</i>	-
Jackie Savela, OCCUD Treasurer -A					
P= Present, A= Absent					

Governing Board Meeting Agenda:

1. Roll call, confirm quorum
2. Call to order - Start Recording at 5:03pm
3. Approval of agenda. Motion by Larry , second by Mark. Approved.
4. Public input (limited to 3 minutes per presenter). No public present
5. Approval of previous meeting minutes –8.21.24. Motion by Mark, second by Peter. Approved.
6. Financials: Reviewed Warrants approved at Executive Committee meetings 9/18/24, 9/23/24 and 10/09/24.
7. OCCUD business and Report from Executive Committee meeting –
 - Report on submissions to VCBB. – Pre-construction Grant amendment and sustainability plan were approved (unanimously 4:0) by the VCBB at the September VCBB meeting.
 - Chair report on CUD-Triad Sustainability Committee. Sustainability team currently meets every other Wednesday at 9:00 am. Team is reviewing an RFP for Auditor; reviewing Budget; planning for 2025.
 - Annual Report and 2025 Budget. Review Draft. Laura presented the draft 2024 Annual Report and 2025 Budget for Board’s comment. Leslie provided/emailed some “cleanup’ edits; Chair asked for any other edits to be emailed in the next couple of days. Response from members was

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positive, felt it was good that the report is short and to the point. Chair will send the final report to VCBB and to all member towns/city legislative bodies, as required by VT statute.

8. GNS Update. Chair reported that the GNS schedule has been updated on the website. Some areas have been delayed by one or two months. All areas now have completion dates scheduled. The GNS representative has said that underground work (in Hubbardton) with Green Mountain Power (GMP) is underway and will include infrastructure for GNS fiber. As well, the new GMP representative is very responsive to GNS. Brett noted that the utilities may have some challenges to materials and labor due to the rebuilding in the states affected by Hurricane Helene.
9. CCI Update. Chair reported that Consolidated (CCI) has completed construction of the fiber network in all its OCCUD territory. CCI is holding a “ribbon-cutting” event on Oct 29@ 3:00pm at Hoff Hall at Castleton VSU. Chair has sent the invitation to all Governing Board members – all are invited to attend, as are officials of OCCUD member towns/city.
10. VCUDA update (Vice-Chair) – October 8th meeting was very short. Next meeting will be to elect officers.
11. VCBB update (Chair) – October 14th meeting included two grant amendment requests which were approved. Holly Groschner has resigned; her replacement will be appointed by the speaker of the Vermont House.

Lost quorum at 5:43pm. Informal meeting continued for ~ 10 minutes.

Next Governing Board Meeting – November 20, 2024