



December 13, 2023 – 5:00 PM  
 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Video call link: <http://meet.google.com/dsx-okxj-foe>

<b>OTTER CREEK CUD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b>			
<b>Town</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>	<b>Present/Absent</b>
Shrewsbury	Laura Black, Chair	2024	P
Mendon	Larry Courcelle, Vice Chair	2024	P
- - -	<i>vacant</i>	2026	
Sudbury	Mike Small	2025	P
Brandon	Peter Werner	2024	P (joined 5:05)
Hubbardton	Chris Custer	2024	P
Wells	Eleanor Jones, Secretary/Clerk	2024	P
	Jackie Savela, Treasurer	2024	P

1. Call to order - Start recording the meeting: Recording started @5:03PM.
2. Approval of agenda: Motion to approve by Chris, second by Larry. Motion passed.
3. Approval of previous meeting minutes – 11/08/23: Motion to approve by Chris, second by Larry. Motion passed.
4. Review Agenda Items for upcoming Governing Board meetings.\*: Motion for executive session for agenda items 4, 5 and 6 by Chris, second by Eleanor. Motion passed @5:06pm. (Laura specified items 5,6,7 later in video but meant 4,5,6)
5. Motion to recommend to Governing Board approval of legal services agreement.\*
6. Contract update and Construction Grant Agreement updates (Chair)\*: Left executive session @5:35pm.
7. Financials (Treasurer) – Warrant: Jackie explained two Primmer invoices for this month because one came late Nov. Larry asked about Lamoille invoice for \$37936.52; is that what is owed to date? Laura explained that it is the total of Occud/Lamoille agreement to share cost of developing the contract and terms and conditions this past summer. We won't have another invoice like this from Lamoille FiberNet. Jackie will hold the check to Lamoille until the agreement is approved and signed. Laura asked for a motion to approve warrant dated 12/13/23 for the amount of \$44,712.77 with the condition that

\* 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).

treasurer will withhold check to Lamoille FiberNet CUD until we receive and sign the letter of agreement. So moved by Peter. Second Larry. Motion passed.

8. VCUDA update (VCUDA Rep): At meeting of Dec 12, VCUDA budget was discussed. Specific discussion involved the \$10,000 dues that ten CUDs will pay VCUDA for 2024. Chittenden executive director pointed out that Chittenden, Lamoille, Occud and Southern Vermont CUDs do not require the same services that the other six CUDs need from VCUDA. Specifically, Chittenden executive director doubts the Chittenden CUD board will want to continue paying \$10,000 dues when many services are not required from VCUDA for our type of CUD. Southern Vermont said they would agree to pay the dues for next year, but after that, a discussion is needed to either reduce the dues for the four CUDs, otherwise, perhaps some of the four CUDs will break from VCUDA. Lamoille did say that they do use VCUDA and Occud may benefit from their dealings with VCUDA. Larry points out that Occud goes to VCBB staff with most questions and issues. Larry agrees that Occud dues should be reduced because we don't use VCUDA services. Larry says that the chair of ECFiber (FX Flinn) says the four CUDs should go back and renegotiate the contract to provide CUDs with revenue. Larry says that's a deal breaker for Occud. Legislative day is Jan. 31 this year. BEAD gap funding is a challenge to Vt CUDs. Laura mentioned that VCUDA has committees (staffed by CUD members) that track and follow policies that VCBB creates and drafts.
9. VCBB update (Chair): Most of meeting was executive session. Not much to report.
10. General updates (Chair) : None
11. Other Business : None
12. Next meeting Jan 10, 2024
13. Adjournment : Motion to adjourn by Chris, second by Peter. Motion passed. Adjourned @5:55 pm.

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