

# Newbury REDInet, Regular Meeting Approved Minutes

Monday, July 27, 2020, 4:30 PM

1. **Call to order:** 4:30 pm. No additions to the agenda.
2. **Attending:** Claude, Ed, Dan, Brad, Chip, Liane. Guests: Rick, Chris Lynch of Matrix Design Group. Linda as recorder.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** July 13 minutes approved.
4. **Membership ECFiber:** Brad agrees to become official Newbury EC Fiber member. Ed will ask EC Fiber board to attend our next virtual meeting on August 10. Dan moves, Liane seconds that Claude should continue moving forward with Matrix to do our make ready study even as we continue with EC Fiber. Passed. Brad leaves the meeting at 5:00, Chip leaves at 5:28, which means we no longer have a quorum.
5. **Survey follow-up questions:** Brad is not available to report. Dan presents graphic information about survey respondents. We now have 80 responses and 84% of them want us to contact them. Discussion of the data.
6. **Treasurers Report:** Newbury received an invoice from Consolidated Communications, but it is not a proper closing invoice and Mary Collins is currently in contact with Consolidated to clarify.
7. **Clerk's Report:** Board membership -- Lenice resigned as of 7/24. Claude urges us to send personal email notes to Lenice to thank her for her service.
8. **Subscriber survey:**
  - a. **Survey:** Claude has handed out about 40 flyers directing attention to the survey, and he has updated residence information to add to the database as a result.
  - b. **Survey follow-up questions:** There is no report from Brad, see #5 above.
  - c. **Press Release:** Marissa and Lenice worked together on a press release. Claude will contact Morgan Moor at NES and Oxbow High School concerning notice of our survey.

9. **Broadband streaming:** Bonnie emailed the board prior to the 7/27 meeting with additional information about internet services and streaming. Claude asks members to look at Bonnie's posting. He found a link (<http://www.suppose.tv/tv>) on ECFiber's web site. Dan put the link up on a shared screen for a short discussion.

10. **Subscriber costs:** No report.

11. **Consultant; Matrix Design Group:** Claude says there was some confusion at the State about our grant in relation to possible membership in EC Fiber, but he has spoken with Michael Dehart and Rob Fish and corrected any misunderstanding.

12. **dBase "subscribers 3":** See 8a above.

13. **Membership ECFiber:** See #4 above.

14. **Emergency Broadband Action Plan, EBAP:** Green Mountain Power is considering placing antennas on poles to temporarily extend internet coverage for schools and students.

15. **Sub-Committee Reports:**

a. **Technology:** None

b. **Finance:**

i. **Broadband Innovation Grant 2019:** Withdrawal of grant. Revision of grant to include Matrix DG. See #11 above.

ii. **USDA Grant:** Susi has given approval for Matrix Design Group.

16. **Other Business:** None.

17. **Next REDI meeting:** Monday, August 10, Google Meet, 4:30 PM

Meeting ended at 5:55 pm.

Submitted: Linda Ide, Recorder, 7/25/2020,