

NEWBURY TELECOMMUNICATIONS RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE DISTRICT.

Monday, February 25, 2019

4:40 PM, Space on Main

Minutes Newbury REDInet Meeting

1. **Attendees:** Ed Childs, Claude Phipps, Chip Conquest, Nate Dudenhoeffer, Lenice Cicchini, Liane Allen, Brad Vietje
2. **Guests:** Rick Hausman
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Lianne to make changes to minutes for later approval.
4. **Treasurers Report:** Balance \$2865.76. No other obligations.
5. **Clerk's Report:** SAMS update is not complete.
6. **Up Coming meetings:**
 - a. Group of 4 will be meeting with Brian Otley tomorrow. At 7 Green Mountain Drive in Montpelier.
7. **Corinth Group:** Dick Kelly (chair of planning commission) had a substantive conversation with Leahy's office about potential funding sources.
8. **Meeting reports:**
 - a. VT Senate Committee on Economic Development, field hearing 2/19/2019. Ed did a good job of presenting the current needs, and what the legislature can do for groups like REDInet. There is potentially \$12m available for 6 projects in guaranteed loans. REDInet is well positioned to to receive some of that funding. If this passes it would happen in July.

Rick will contact someone at VEDA to ask for more information and offer to assist, ensuring they are familiar with our group.
 - b. USDA meeting, 2/12/2019, Montpelier, Eric Law. Brad and Rick attended. Seemed to be excitement about creating a state-level position to guide various groups. In attendance were representatives from WEC, CV Fiber and Kingdom Fiber. USDA Rural Development has \$6m coming into Vermont for various grants.
9. **Sub-Committee Reports:**
 - i. Letter on 2/10 from Jeff Austin. Chip talked to Jeff Austin, who says the "proposals" are "almost done".
 - b. **Finance:**
 - i. Claude to reach out to consultant who worked with Chesterfield NH, as well as reach out to FirstLight.

- ii. Claude to ask Chesterfield, NH for RFP response (assuming there is a redacted public copy available).
- iii. Claude has talked with Laurie, about helping revise USDA grant for resubmission.
- iv. Claude to contact Tim Tierney about potential funding from Northern Borders Regional Commission.
- v. No Response from ThinkVermont grand application.
- vi. Rick to contact Two-Rivers planning about assistance.

10. **Next REDI meeting:** March 11, 2019, **Monday**, Space on Main, 4:30 PM

11. Meeting adjourned at 5:35.

Submitted: Nate Dudenhoeffer, 2/25/2019