

NEWBURY TELECOMMUNICATIONS RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE DISTRICT.

Monday, April 8, 2019 4:30 PM, Space on Main

Board members present: Ed Childs, Ken Rower, Brad Vietje, Claude Phipps,
Liane Allen, Lenice Cicchini

Agenda Newbury REDInet Meeting

1. **Updates to Agenda:** NBRC Grant letter of intent (see below)
2. **Note taker:** Lenice 4/08, (Ed 4/22, Rick 5/13, Liane 5/29, Chip 6/10, Ken 6/24)
3. **Approval of Minutes: (March 25, 2018)** Need to specify Rick is present as guest. Need to show they were submitted by Ken. Approved with corrections
4. **Treasurers Report: Balance \$2865.76. No other obligations.**
5. **Clerk's Report: SAMS#?** We have active number
6. **Up Coming meetings:** Nothing to report
7. **Corinth Group:** Meeting tonight in 4/8/2019 in Corinth
8. **Meeting reports:** Nothing to report
9. **Meeting management:** Claude spoke about the need to follow agenda items, and assuring action items get a vote and are part of minutes. Ken suggested highlighting action items to assure they are noted. Application for USDA Grant was not on minutes, but it has been submitted.
10. **Sub-Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Partnership with Consolidated Communications (CCI):**
 - i. **Jeff Austin email 1/10/2019, 2/10/2019, 3/13/2019**

Matching grant funds clarified

- ii. **CCI future meeting:** Nothing to report

iii. Contract for Engineering Study: Liane moved that board chair will review existing CCI contract, make necessary updates, submit to board for review, and send to Jeff. Brad seconded. Motion passed.

b. Technology: Nothing to report

c. Finance:

i. USDA grant due (Susi Poland) March 29: Met deadline and received notice.

ii. ThinkVermont grant, Report needed: Nothing further to report

iii. Contributions received: Claude will talk to Marv Harrison and Frank Tegethoff. Liane will reach out to Richard Waterhouse. Ken will contact Frank Tillman. Others: Judy and Ronald Vonn, Richard Bach **Publicity:** Nothing to report

11. Document of Intent: Nothing to report

12. Chesterfield NH project: Discussion of CCI proposal shared by Brad R. (3/15/ email). No discussion

13. Consultant:

Suggestions: Rubin Bennet in Barre (Dan last meeting) Consultant from Maine (Ed) Brad will contact Jim Henderson about a friend of his who has consulting experience. Claude will contact person who was consultant for Chesterfield.

14. Future Concerns: No discussion

15. Other Business: None

16 Update to Agenda: Ed reported NBRC grant is targeted at distressed counties, Orange being one of them. Ed submitted Letter of intent asking for \$20,000.00, but the available money is up to \$500,000.00. We qualify for an 80% grant with 20% matching funds. The consensus of the group was that we apply for more money with the intention of funding a pilot project. Ideas posited for the project included a partial roll-out in an underserved area, for instance the area served by

Topsham Telephone. It was agreed we need to learn what fiber exists there, what response we get from folks there, and how many houses are represented. Lenice moved that Ed continue working on NBRC grant to fund a pilot project. Ken seconded. Motion passed. Claude will look at maps, Ed will investigate fiber.

16. **Next REDI meeting:** Monday, April 8, 2019, Space on Main, 4:30 PM Submitted: Claude Phipps, chair, 4/6/2019

Claude adjourned meeting 5:42 PM

Submitted 10 April, 2019

Lenice Cicchini