



Telecommunications & Connectivity Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

July 16th , 2020 Meeting

10:00 am – 12:00 pm Remote Meeting

Attendees:

1. David Snedeker – Chair of the Board, Northeastern Vermont Development Association
2. Robert T. White- AOT
3. Michael Clasen – Deputy State Treasurer
4. Kenneth Jones - ACCD
5. Clay Purvis – Director, Connectivity Division, Dept. of Public Service
6. Michael DeHart - Telecommunications & Connectivity Staff, Dept. of Public Service
7. Rob Fish – Connectivity Division, Dept of Public Service
8. Terry LaValley – Department of Public Safety
9. Katherine Sims – NEK Collaborative

Members of public:

Stephen Whitaker

Kevin Glynn GXX technology

Item	Item Description	Action By
1.0	Call to Order at 10:03am	Chair Snedeker
2.0	Meeting Minutes 6.29.20 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corrections: none• Motion to Approve	Moved: Clasen Second: White Approved Unanimous
3.0	New Business: A: RFP for COVID-19 Response Telecommunications Recovery Plan RFP has been issued, proposals due June 27 Jones – RFP is largely based on the 10-year telecom plan. What additional content will be added in response to COVID-19? Purvis – This will be based on H.966, and Agency of Finance is reviewing all	Clay Purvis

	<p>contracts for adherence to CRF and CARES guidelines.</p> <p>Due date for plan is June 30 2021</p> <p>B: Connectivity Initiative Still awaiting permission to proceed to posting the RFP.</p> <p>Last week of July, first week of August could be a good time for TCAB to review proposals received. Official dates TBD- will change when RFP is actually posted.</p> <p>C: Emergency Broadband Action Plan Snedeker: Can I ask for an update on that?</p> <p>Clay: At the last meeting, we were still waiting for feedback from the Board.</p> <p>Sims: Nothing new to add.</p> <p>Purvis: We would like to finalize that soon, so we can move forward.</p> <p>Public Comment: Whitaker:</p> <p>No role in statute for an EBAP. My comments were not incorporated in the plan, and the plan does not explain why. Board should vote to set this plan aside and proceed to a real telecom plan.</p> <p>Sims: Moved that board supports EBAP</p> <p>No Second to the motion</p> <p>Motion fails.</p>	
4	Public Comment:	

	<p>Whitaker - Spoke at 911 board meeting on Tuesday and sent transcript to the board. If dept has \$18M to spend on BB response.</p> <p>USF is too short for 911 board to meet their obligations, but that is never discussed by this body. .4% increase to USF given to Connectivity Fund is no longer necessary.</p> <p>Of the \$18M, this board should discuss whether geolocation charges resulting from small cell installations should be borne by the State. CUD's can't afford geolocation- same thing broke the back of CoverageCo.</p> <p>FirstNet board has never formed, never met. Department should integrate this board with that one.</p> <p>RFP released lays out a 10-year plan. Contract will be for 1 year, but money has to be spent in the next 5 months. Would be much more useful to spend that \$500k on getting the planning foundation in place so next year's plan is successful.</p> <p>10-year plan has to be complete in time for PUC to rule on Consolidated IRP.</p> <p>Board should address open access. Consolidated is not required by the FCC to make that available, but PUC can make open access a stipulation as a condition for IRP approval.</p>	
5	Adjournment 10:32am	Motion: Jones Second: LaValley