



Carroll County Communication District (CCCD) 8/16/2023 Meeting Minutes

Location: Annex Meeting Room, Carroll County Complex, 10 County Farm Rd., Ossipee, NH 03864

Meeting was called to order by CCCD Interim Chairperson Linda Mailhot at 10:08AM.

- 1. Roll Call** – See page 3 of these minutes for the roll call list of all Governing Board Members present (P), Governing Board Members present on ZOOM (Z), and voting Governing Board Members present (P). Others on Zoom – Glenn Coppelman (NCC); Public – none.
NOTE: the 13 voting Governing Board Town Members present in person made a quorum.
- 2. Guest Speaker** – Jeff McIver from Consolidated Communications Inc.(CCI) /FIDIUM was introduced by Chairperson Linda Mailhot to the Board and Jeff proceeded to give the Board an update on current fiber optic internet infrastructure and future planned infrastructure in Carroll County. He mentioned that they were currently in the process of engineering in Carroll County which started in July 2023 and will have more concrete information & maps for the Board when that is completed. The Board mentioned that our goal is to facilitate internet infrastructure and funding grants per our District Agreement and will assist CCI and other providers in Carroll County. Jeff also mentioned that if the Board wishes to partner with them for any upcoming grants that CCI/FIDIUM have an in house group that specializes in writing grant applications to help. Lots of discussions and questions ensued. The Board extended an open invitation to Jeff to meet at any time for information or to make things happen in the future.
- 3. Minutes** – the July 12, 2023 minutes were distributed to all Board Members by email in advance of the meeting. **Sherryl Hitte motioned to approve the July 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes as presented, 2nd by Jean Beadle. There was no further discussion, errors or omissions and it passed unanimously by a voice vote. (13 – 0) See vote #3 on chart below.**
- 4. Treasurer’s Report** – the Stephen Berry reported that he has opened a CCCD checking account at Bank of NH using the \$100 balance from the CCCDPC with an expenditure of \$24.28 for checks leaving a balance of \$75.72. **Sherryl Hitte motioned to approve the Treasurer’s report, 2nd by Chuck Fuller. There was no further discussion or questions and it passed unanimously by a voice vote. (13 – 0) See vote #4 on chart below.**
- 5. Chairperson Updates** – Linda Mailhot has finally got our District registered with the NH Secretary of State.
- 6. Elections of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary for 2 year terms per the District Agreement** – Interim Chairperson Linda Mailhot noted that the Interim Executive Board expires on September 4th and asked the Board for a motion to move the election from the October Annual Meeting to today so there will be continuity of the Executive Board. She explained that they will be 2 year terms

per our District Agreement. **Matt Sawyer motioned to approve moving the election from the October 2023 Annual meeting to today's meeting, 2nd by Sherryl Hitte. There was no further discussion or questions and it passed unanimously by a voice vote. (13 – 0) See vote #5 on chart below.**

After much discussion a slate of Linda Mailhot as Chairperson, Pam Hearne as Vice Chairperson, Sherryl Hitte as Treasurer and Marshall Goldberg as Secretary/Clerk came together with no other members interested in the positions. All previous members of the Interim Executive Board said they will assist the new slate of Officers to get up to speed.

Chuck Fuller motioned to approve the slate of Linda Mailhot as Chairperson, Pam Hearne as Vice Chairperson, Sherryl Hitte as Treasurer and Marshall Goldberg as Secretary/Clerk, 2nd by Jean Beadle. There was no further discussion and the motion passed by a roll call vote. (12-0) Note: Bob Murray had to leave the meeting before this vote. See the Roll Call Vote attached. See vote #6 on chart below.

7. **Subcommittee Updates** – discussion on various topics & issues by all subcommittee members regarding assignments:
 - **Web Site Committee** – A URL of www.cccdnh.org and web site has been created, is up & running and is currently under construction.
 - **Grant Committee** - in process. Working on the upcoming BEAD and BMGI grant process and information. Also thank you to Glenn Copleman who has volunteered to be member of this committee.
 - **Outreach/Information/Education Committee** – in process.
 - **Advocacy Committee** – in process & it was also noted that SB222 legislation has passed the NH House & NH Senate and was signed into law by Governor Sununu on July 30th. SB222 allows Communication Districts to utilize revenue bonds and it changes the minimum internet speed in NH to 100 mbps download and 20 mbps upload. Thank you to NH Senator Jeb Bradley & NH Rep McDonald for sponsoring the legislation, and Matt Plache and Rick Hiland for organizing and working on passage of this legislation.
 - **Executive Committee** in process & finished registration with NH Secretary of State, EIN, web site, URL, and bank account..
8. **Other Business** – Chuck & Rick are working on a basic draft of the required Rules of Procedure for the Board as required by the District Agreement.
9. **Next Meeting** – September 20, 2023 at 10AM at the Carroll County Annex Meeting Room, subject to confirmation from the County Office that the meeting room is available. For our September 20th meeting, we have also scheduled Jonathan Nelson (VP of Broadband) and associates from the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. Also attending the September 20th meeting will be Matt Conserva, Program Manager from the NH Office of Broadband Initiatives and Clay Purvis, Federal Program Manager for Vermont & New Hampshire – Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth of the U.S. Dept. of Commerce National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).
10. **Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn by Sherryl Hitte, 2nd by Chuck Fuller, passed unanimously by a voice vote and the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 11:29 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Hiland
Interim Clerk/Secretary

NOTE: Meeting attendance Roll Call and roll call votes attached below on Page 3.

Meeting Date: 8/16/2023	CARROLL COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT								
Meeting Time: 10:08AM		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Attendance	Voting Member	Minutes Approval	Treasurer Report	MOVE ELECTION	OFFICERS SLATE APPR	Adjourn Meeting	
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Jason Garber	BARTLETT	Z		Approved	APPROVED			Approved	
Vivki Garland Alt	BARTLETT			per	PER			PER	
Marshall Goldberg	BROOKFIELD	P	P	Chair	CHAIR	Y	Y	CHAIR	
Stephen Berry - Alt.	BROOKFIELD	P							
Bert Weiss	CHATHAM	P	P			Y	Y		
? Alt	CHATHAM								
? Rep	CONWAY								
? Alt	CONWAY								
John Border	EATON	P	P			Y	Y		
Stanley Dudrick - Alt	EATON	P							
Chuck Fuller	EFFINGHAM	P	P			Y	Y		
Rich Comer - Alt	EFFINGHAM								
Linda Mailhot	FREEDOM	P	P			Y	Y		
Melissa Florio - Alt	FREEDOM								
Ben Klaus	HALES LOC	P	P			Y	Y		
William Houk - Alt	HALES LOC								
John Gallagher	HARTS LOC	P	P			Y	Y		
David Walker Alt	HARTS LOC	P							
Frank DiFruscio	JACKSON								
William Terry - Alt	JACKSON	Z							
Bill Lord	MADISON								
Mary Cronin - Alt	MADISON	P	P			Y	Y		
Bill Gassman	MOULTONBORO								
Jean Beadle - Alt	MOULTONBORO	P	P			Y	Y		
Matt Sawyer	OSSIPEE	P	P			Y	Y		
Matt Trahan - Alt	OSSIPEE								
Sherryl Hitte	TAMWORTH	P	P			Y	Y		
Pam Hearne - Alt	TAMWORTH	Z							
Bob Murray	TUFTONBORO	P	P						
Guy Pike - Alt	TUFTONBORO								
	Present / YES	16	13	13	13	12	12	12	
	Absent / NO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Z = ZOOM	3							
NOTES:	Others present on ZOOM - Glenn Copleman (NCC)								