



Date Approved: February 25, 2021

Addison County Communications Union District dba Maple Broadband

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2021

4:00 pm - 6: pm

VIA ZOOM

Steve Huffaker, the Chair of the Addison County Communications Union District (“ACCUD”) dba Maple Broadband, welcomed the representatives of the Executive Committee to the meeting, called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

1. Welcome/Call to Order

The following members of the Executive Committee were present:

Steve Huffaker, Chair, Ferrisburgh;
Billy Sneed, at large representative from Ripton;
Dan Sonneborn, at large representative from Bristol
Magna Dodge, at large representative from Cornwall
Arabella Holzapfel, Treasurer, ex-officio, Ferrisburgh
Adam Lougee, Clerk, (ACRPC)

2. Approve the Agenda

Magna Dodge made a motion and Billy Sneed seconded to accept the meeting agenda; all members present consented to the agenda.

3. Discussion about Executive Session

Steve Huffaker moved that he found that premature general public knowledge of Maple Broadband’s discussions with Sertex Broadband would clearly place Maple Broadband at a substantial disadvantage because it risks disclosure of Maple Broadband’s negotiations with Sertex Broadband if it were to be communicated to the public, the motion was seconded by Magna Dodge and all members present consented to the motion.

Steve Huffaker moved to enter into Executive Session for a discussion with Sertex Broadband under Title 1, Section 312, Subsection A of the Vermont Statutes which was seconded by Dan Sonneborn and all members present consented to the motion.

4. Executive Session

Maple Broadband Member Towns

Bristol
Lincoln
Orwell
Shoreham
Whiting

Cornwall
Middlebury
Panton
Starksboro

Ferrisburgh
Monkton
Ripton
Waltham

Leicester
New Haven
Salisbury
Weybridge



Steve Huffaker moved that the Executive Committee move out of Executive Session, which was seconded by Magna Dodge and all members present consented to the motion.

5. Other Business

Steve Huffaker noted that they have an interview with WCVT on January 20th, and potentially Great Works Internet on Monday and that there would be an Executive Committee meeting on Thursday.

Magna Dodge noted that that if there was a thought of Maple Broadband combining with Otter Creek that Maple Broadband may want to have a parallel conversation with CCI, given the relationship between Otter Creek and CCI and asked if there were efforts to interview CCI. There was consensus that it would be beneficial to have the interview with WCVT and decide on next steps with Otter Creek and CCI after the interview. It was noted by Steve Huffaker that there will be more information after the results of the RDOF auction are released both regarding Otter Creek, CCI, ValleyNet and NRTC. Steve Huffaker pointed out that the full Board meeting is the following Wednesday after next week's Executive Committee meeting and hopefully they will know more by then.

Dan Sonneborn asked if there would be a location with consolidated notes from the interviews, and Steve Huffaker noted that the executive session notes would be made available to the Board members. It was noted that Board Members could also view the recordings of the interviews, and that the legislative testimony that ValleyNet gave that will be available on YouTube would also be of value for Board Members to watch. Steve Huffaker noted that the next interview, Great Works Internet would be valuable for Board Members to attend, and that Great Works Internet and ValleyNet have a business relationship.

There being no further business, Magna Dodge made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Steve Huffaker and the meeting adjourned at 4:56 pm.

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Whiting			