

Decorah MetroNet 28E Board Meeting
February 16, 2017 10:30 a.m.
Decorah City Hall Council Chambers

Minutes

Members attending:

Chad Bird (representing City of Decorah)
Leon Griebenow (representing Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission)
Brian Lensch (representing Winneshiek Medical)
Kurt DeVore (representing Decorah Schools)
Paul Mattson (representing Luther College)
Jon Lubke (representing Winneshiek County)

Others in attendance:

Adam Forsyth (Luther College)
Adam Ramseth
Jim Schwan – Winneshiek Medical

Consider approval of February 2, 2017 Tech Committee meeting and the January 19, 2017 regular meeting minutes

Motion by Griebenow and second by DeVore to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2017 tech committee meeting and January 19, 2017 regular meeting minutes

No further discussion.

Roll call vote; motion carried unanimously.

Consider approval of claims

a.	R&S Fiber Optic Services	splicing and cable pull	\$5,904.00
b.	R&S Fiber Optic Services	January and February mgmt.	\$2,000.00
c.	West Union Trenching	911 Twin Springs / Luther - west	\$73,431.40
d.	West Union Trenching	911 Old Stage to tower – east	\$65,030.00
e.	Iowa OneCall	monthly locates	\$4.50

Motion by Mattson and second by Lubke to approve claims as presented.

No further discussion.

Roll call vote; motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and possible action on broadband agreement proposals

Bird distributed proposals from several vendors in regards to pricing for broadband connectivity. There was much discussion about partnerships and services. No decision was made and the board directed Croft Utility Partners to formalize any proposed partnership before bringing back an updated proposals.

Motion by Bird and second by DeVore to table the discussion to the March 2 tech meeting.

No further discussion.

Roll call vote; motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and possible action on IRU with AcenTek / Ace Telephone

Bird presented a proposal for an IRU that the board had recently approved in July 2016. Bird proposed the board consider the IRU with AcenTek and opened the item for discussion after outlining the terms of the agreement.

Bird proposed to enter into an Indefeasible Right of Use (IRU) agreement with AcenTek / Ace Telephone for lease of 3 pairs / 6 strands of fiber for 3.16 miles.

The proposal is for \$50 per pair, per month, per mile. Total lease is \$474 per month / \$5,688 per year based on a five-year agreement.

Mattson added that it would be worthwhile if AcenTek would offer some type of (Network Monitoring Center) NOC monitoring as part of the proposal and Ethan Webinger noted that AcenTek would be monitoring the fiber on their own behalf so perhaps a relationship could be worked out.

Motion by Griebenow and second by Lubke to approve an IRU with AcenTek to include some type of NOC monitoring and authorizing the chair to sign.

No further discussion.

Roll call vote; motion carried unanimously.

Other business

In other business, Forsyth presented a proposal from CEC for router purchase. There was general discussion on the matter but no action.

There was no further business before the board.

Adjourn

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm with motion and second by Bird and DeVore respectively.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. A. Bird", is written below the text "Respectfully submitted".