

Decorah MetroNet  
28E Tech Committee Meeting

February 2, 2017  
11:30am

Decorah City Hall Council Chambers

Members attending:

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

Others in attendance:

Steve Smith (Winneshiek County / City of Decorah)  
Adam Ramseth (R & S Fiber Optic Services)  
Jim O'Regan (Croft Utility Partners)  
Ethan Webinger (AcenTek)  
Jim Schwann (Winneshiek Medical)

Discussion on broadband connectivity and transport options

The discussion regarding purchasing broadband continued. There was additional conversation regarding the transport options and Mattson noted that not many of the anchor MetroNet members would have use for the scenario. It was agreed that solid proposals would be brought to the next regular meeting and an option would be considered.

There was also conversation about the new routers and an agreement with CEC, Bird noted he would check on that agreement status.

Automated failover, pros and cons of system design

Brian Lensch (absent) had asked for this item to be discussed and several members talked about the means and methods used when testing fiber routes, failover experimentation and trouble shooting. Schwann noted that there are certain times that work and others that don't for the medical center. He wanted to ensure all possible efforts are considered and used to avoid peak work times for staff.

Review of final exit document regarding anchor member

Bird distributed a copy of the formal exit documents for discussion. There was general discussion regarding the balance still owed by UERPC and the terms. Rachelle Howe was present and noted that her board was in a wait-and-see mode with regard to the possible municipal telecommunications utility study and wanted to delay any action on the exit. The MetroNet board was in agreement but also requested a good faith payment from UERPC by the end of the current fiscal year.

Other business

In other business, ICN representative Mark Dayton noted some concerns with proposed fiber routes. Lubke noted that the projects in question are not that far along and perhaps there could be discussions to consider Dayton's concerns. The parties agreed to meet and discuss.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:18pm.

Respectfully submitted

