

Decorah MetroNet  
28E Tech Committee Meeting

March 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)  
Chad Bird (representing City of Decorah)  
Leon Griebenow (representing Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission)  
Brian Lensch (representing Winneshiek Medical)

Others in attendance:

Jim Schwann (representing Winneshiek Medical)  
Steve Smith (Winneshiek County / City of Decorah)

Discussion and possible action on broadband agreement proposals

The board discussed several options for purchasing Internet broadband and also discussed open pipe access to the hotel suite in Minneapolis (511).

Several board members noted they value the existing relationships with vendors.

Bird directed that there should be a final update proposal that would speak to Internet Pipe options plus a layer of Internet access along with applicable cross-over fees and hosting fees. He pledged the board would make a final decision at the next regular meeting.

Discussion and possible action on router purchase options

The board considered two proposals for router purchases; one from CEC that would utilize existing equipment and just expand options and serviceability and the other from Mikrotek that would implement an entirely new router and equipment.

There was much discussion about the Brocade routers, their age and overall service life and the costs to expand their productivity at \$9,946.10.

There was discussion on the Mikrotek routers and the relative unknown product and life cycle and support offered. The cost for new with this option is \$6,916.00.

There was also discussion regarding programming and how much that may cost, who would do it and if it would even be compatible with the existing MetroNet system.

**Motion by Mattson and seconded by Lubke to proceed with the purchase of the Mikrotek routers for \$6,916.00. Bird noted that the cost should come out of the Board's general fund.**

**Roll call: Ayes – Mattson, Lubke, Lensch, Bird.**

**Nays – DeVore**

**Abstain – Griebenow (due to the financial implications).**

**Motion carries – 4-1**

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.

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Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:18pm.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. A. King", enclosed within a circular flourish.