

Decorah MetroNet
28E Tech Committee Meeting

April 6, 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)
Leon Griebenow (representing Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission)
Brian Lensch (representing Winneshiek Medical)

Members Absent:

Chad Bird (representing City of Decorah)

Others in attendance:

Jim Schwann (representing Winneshiek Medical)
Steve Smith (Winneshiek County / City of Decorah)
Adam Forsyth – Luther College

Discussion and possible action on broadband services and internet pipe

AcenTek offered two new proposals: both are 10 Gbps dedicated, symmetrical and non-burstable internet connections. The first was priced at \$6,000 per month and the second for \$5,700 per month. The less expensive option hinges on Hawkeye Telephone contracting for the second and separate \$5,700 circuit.

After continued discussion comparing the various proposals from Croft and AcenTek, DeVore moved on a vote for action.

Motion by DeVore and seconded by Lensch to accept the AcenTek proposal for a dedicated 10Gig connection a \$5,700 per month.

Roll call: Ayes – DeVore, Lensch, Griebenow

Nays – Mattson, Lubke

Motion carries – 3-2

Discussion on fiber route for 911 tower and redundant pathways

There was little new information presented on this project. It was noted that Winneshiek County and WMC are still investigating options to connect to Calmar.

Update on WMC fiber, repairs and clean-up

Adam Ramseth reported on the work at WMC and the on-going project to reconfigure the “trombone.” Lubke asked for clarification on work done near Wellington and if the invoice should be paid with DMN funds, since it ultimately replaces aerial fiber in that area. Ramseth confirmed that it should be considered a shared expense.

Update on new router configuration and maintenance

Lubke reported that a conference call will be held on Friday, April 7, 2017 at 1:00pm with Croft Utility Partners and CEC to discuss the best way to inject these routers into the existing configuration and start using them with the new CenturyLink circuit.

Update on the New CenturyLink Circuit

Ramseth, Lubke and O'Regan reported that Tube-12 has been sliced between 400 Claiborne, Luther and the Middle School. This will allow the new circuit to be used at the Middle School and the two new routers to talk to each other. O'Regan expects the circuit to be usable over the weekend. There was also some discussion about how the new circuit would be billed to the anchors and how the new SPIN numbers would affect E-Rate applications for the Library and School District.

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Other Business
None

Adjourn
Motion to adjourn by Griebenow and second by DeVore at 1:10 pm

Respectfully submitted

Jon Lubke