

Decorah MetroNet 28E Board Meeting
September 7, 2017 11:30 a.m.
Decorah City Hall Council Chambers

Minutes

Members attending:

Chad Bird (representing City of Decorah)
Kurt DeVore (representing Decorah Schools)
Brian Lensch (representing Winneshiek Medical)
Steve Smith (representing Winneshiek County)
Adam Forsyth (representing Luther College)

and

Chopper Albert (representing City of Decorah)

Members absent:

Leon Griebenow (representing Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission)
Jon Lubke (representing Winneshiek County)
Paul Mattson (representing Luther College)

Consider approval of August 3, 2017 regular meeting minutes

Motion by DeVore and second by Smith to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2017 regular meeting.

No further discussion.

Roll call vote; motion carried unanimously.

Consider approval of claims

- a. None on file

Discussion on fiber route upgrades

Bird introduced Alex Soderquist from Hawkeye Telephone. Soderquist noted that Hawkeye is expanding services by installing fiber in several areas in and around Decorah. He elaborated and noted that Hawkeye is looking at up to 144 strand fiber to Calmar and he noted he would be interested in speaking further with local officials in Decorah about joint opportunities. Soderquist mentioned this as informational only.

Update on telecommunications feasibility study

Bird noted to the board that the full fiber feasibility study will be presented to the city council, on behalf of the telecommunications utility on Monday, September 18 at 5:45pm. He noted that it appears the study will suggest the proposed fiber to the premise network will not be feasible.

Other business

- a. Budget update

Bird introduced Cecil Anderson from CEC to engage in a brief conversation about the proposed fix and repair issues from previous conversations. Mr. Anderson presented information relative to the issues and noted that CEC's general construction relationship is with the prime contractor, Voltmer Electric. He noted a schedule of some general invoices / expenses that CEC was willing to void in exchange for some of the warranty work.

DeVore would share that information with the rest of the board.

- b. E911 update

Adam Ramseth and Chopper Albert noted that the project is just about complete. Ramseth noted that a panel needed to be ordered yet and would be done shortly. They noted the new communications tower was up and was impressive.

- c. 28e agreement update

Bird noted there were just two more signatures to obtain on the final 28e and the action would be complete.

Bird also asked the board to think about a network / board-wide password protection policy for network securities.

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There was no further business before the board.

Adjourn

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 12:41pm with motion and second by Mattson and DeVore respectively.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. A. [unclear]", enclosed in a circular flourish.