

Decorah Telecommunications Utility Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 26, 2017 – 5:30pm
Decorah City Hall Clerk's Conference Room

Minutes

Members attending:

Paul Mattson
Jarrad Walter
Bruce Butters
Anna Norris

Others in attendance:

Chopper Albert
Phil Iverson – Decorah Fast Fiber
Paul Scott – Decorah Fast Fiber

Members absent

Lydia Anderson

Discussion on feasibility study

The commission discussed the proposed format to make their final report and recommendation to the city council. They spent considerable time discussing the points they wish to make and also in drafting a road map moving the project forward.

The commission discussed financing options and opportunities.

Albert presented information relative to smart grid and smart metering options and pricing.

There were also questions about developing an economic development initiative and if that would provide funding either through a levy or equity position from the city.

Decorah Fast Fiber representatives submitted a position statement and will release it to the media soon. The position was relative to the feasibility study assumptions and possible areas of concern with the study approach and methodology.

Mattson noted some possible rephrasing and critiques of the statement. The commission considered meeting again on October 10 and October 16 to present to the council.

Approval of minutes

a. September 5, 2017

Motion by Butters and second by Norris to approve the September 5, 2017 commission meeting minutes.

No further discussion.

Roll call vote; motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm with motion and second by Walter and Butters respectively.

Respectfully submitted

