

Decorah Telecommunications Utility Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 21, 2017 – 5:30pm
Decorah Council Chambers

Minutes

Members attending:

Paul Mattson
Lydia Andersen
Jarrad Walter
Bruce Butters
Anna Norris

Others in attendance:

Chopper Albert
Chad Bird, city manager

Discussion on feasibility study

The commission discussed next steps in the fiber network development process. Butters believed there could be multiple avenues or threads that could be explored simultaneously. The commission agreed and began a discussion on some of the threads to explore.

The commission discussed the survey regarding sending pledge cards as one possible thread. Walter noted the Decorah Fast Fiber team is still interested in exploring a way to finance the efforts of a mailed survey.

Butters and Mattson believed another strong thread to explore is the legal aspects of the utility's existence; what is the commission's power and authority under the laws. Similar to this conversation is what options, legally, exist for the MetroNet and how that board plays into the scenarios.

Norris and Andersen expressed a desire to see some solid business plans and options to consider moving forward and believe this might be another thread to explore. The commission asked if Albert could begin to draft some business plan models for discussion. Walter also noted that he would like to revisit the city's financial advisor providing some input and review.

Approval of minutes

- a. September 26, 2017
- b. October 10, 2017

Motion by Walter and second by Butters to approve the September 26, 2017 and the October 10, 2017 minutes. No further discussion.

Roll call vote; motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32pm with motion and second by Walter and Andersen respectively.

Respectfully submitted

