

Decorah Telecommunications Utility Board Meeting
Monday, April 9, 2018 – 5:30pm
City Hall Council Chambers

Minutes

Members attending:

Paul Mattson
Jarrad Walter
Bruce Butters
Anna Norris
Lydia Andersen

Others in attendance:

Chopper Albert
Chad Bird

Discussion regarding fiber / telecommunications utility and financing

Albert reviewed his updated model business plan and there was discussion about the inputs. Bird shared that he had spoken with the feasibility consultant and there are concerns about how much modification can or should be made to the existing study.

Albert noted he has been speaking with some in the community that may be interested in providing private investment into the formation of a utility. There was general conversation about this issue. Bird and Albert noted they would speak with the city's financial advisor about possibilities.

The commission directed Bird and Albert to write up an RFP that would seek proposals for a business plan and the administration of a pledge card program. The commission noted the RFP should be sent to a smaller group of consultants.

Update from Decorah MetroNet

Bird provided a brief update from the MetroNet and noted the board has recently approved an agreement with a local service provider that would generate some additional revenue for the consortium of local organizations.

Approval of minutes

- a. February 12, 2018
- b. March 12, 2018

Motion by Butters and second by Mattson to approve the minutes from February 12 and March 12, 2018.

No further discussion.

Roll call vote; motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38pm with motion and second by Norris and Walter respectively.

Respectfully submitted

