

Decorah MetroNet 28E Board Meeting
July 19, 2018 11:30 a.m.
Decorah City Hall – Council Chambers

Minutes

Members attending:

Jon Lubke (representing Winneshiek County)
Chad Bird (representing City of Decorah)
Mark Franz (representing Luther College)
Kurt DeVore (representing Decorah Schools)

Chopper Albert - City of Decorah
Adam Forsyth – Luther College

Absent:

Brian Lensch (representing Winneshiek Medical)
Steve Smith – Winneshiek County

Jim Schwan – Winneshiek Medical

Consider approval of June 7, 2018 regular meeting minutes

Motion by DeVore and second by Lubke to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2018 regular meeting. No further discussion.

Roll call vote; motion carried unanimously.

Consider approval of claims

- a. Discussion on the previously approved board action to purchase a second and spare MikroTek router. The router actually cost \$3,538. There was discussion on additional equipment that might be purchased up to the approved amount.

Motion by Bird and second by Lubke to approve spending additional funds up to the board's May 3, 2018 action of \$4,500 on six bidies and other peripherals. No further discussion.

Roll call vote; motion carried unanimously.

Internet Protocol (IP) changeover updates and discussion

Albert and Bird reviewed the RFP draft and there was some minor discussion. Albert noted he would make some edits and return a final copy to Bird for distribution.

Discussion and possible action on grant funding and design planning for fiber physical plant improvements (*USAC – E-rate*)

DeVore noted that the Board is still waiting for an update from IRHTP. General information needed included the fiber route. DeVore mentioned that an October 2018 reimplementation seemed most likely.

Review RFP for IP changes and administration

As previously discussed.

Discussion and update on other tech issues

- b. NOC monitoring and “break – fix” support – no update
- c. Telecommunications Board of Trustees update
 - i. Bird introduced Mark Franz as the new Luther representative and their ITS Executive Director
- d. Future Mikrotik router support – no update

Other business

- e. Budget update – Bird noted July 1, 2018 was the start of a new fiscal year. He reminded the Board of the approved annual anchor member allocation of \$15,000 for FY19. He stated he would be sending invoices in later August.
- f. Fiber route testing update
- g. Review of official board appointments – Luther College

The board confirmed rescheduling to their regular meetings: regular board on the first Thursday and tech committee to the third Thursday.

Jim O'Regan shared his involvement in block chain financing concerns. He noted he is attending a conference in Las Vegas regarding the matter. The board asked him to report his experiences at a later meeting.

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Adjourn

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 12:46pm with motion and second by Bird and Lubke. respectively.

Respectfully submitted

