

Decorah MetroNet 28E Board Meeting
December 21, 2018 11:30am
Decorah City Hall Council Chambers

Minutes

Members attending:

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

Jon Lubke (representing Winneshiek County)
Jim Schwan – Winneshiek Medical
Chopper Albert - City of Decorah

Absent:

Adam Forsyth – Luther College

Consider approval of October 4, 2018 regular meeting and the October 4, 2018 tech committee minutes
Motion by DeVore and second by Franz to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2018 regular meeting minutes and October 18, 2018 tech meeting minutes. No further discussion.
Roll call vote; motion carried unanimously.

Consider approval of claims

There were no claims presented.

Discussion and Update on Telecommunications Utility Board progress

Bird and Albert updated the board on the work of the telco board and progress being made on the feasibility study. Bird raised the question of MetroNet involvement and if the board had desire to partner with the telco board on fiber infrastructures and capacities.

There was general discussion by the board with many recalling that the reason additional fiber (144 count) was built into the final network was just for this type of situation were expanded physical capacities might be a broader community benefit.

Albert noted that any partnership should be a quid pro quo with a mutual benefit and have value for the MetroNet Board and member organizations. The board noted they are willing to look at leasing options, etc. Albert provided a review of the costs each anchor member provided earlier on in the establishment of the network. There was also discussion on possible trade of physical fiber for service or maintenance of the network.

Bird and Albert noted the telco hadn't received their final report yet, so this conversation was just to gage interest in future, more specific conversations.

Discussion and update on other tech issues

- a. Internet monitoring issues and logging options
- b. Router updates, timing, and task assignments / IP addressing project

There was general discussion on the work for these projects.

Adjourn

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 12:28pm with motion and second by Smith and DeVore. respectively.

Respectfully submitted

