

Decorah MetroNet 28E Board Meeting
April 17, 2019 2:30pm
Decorah City Hall Council Chambers

Minutes

Members attending:

Jon Lubke (representing Winneshiek County)	Steve Smith – Winneshiek County
Brian Lensch (representing Winneshiek Medical)	
Kurt DeVore (representing Decorah Schools)	
Chad Bird (representing City of Decorah)	Chopper Albert - City of Decorah
Mark Franz (representing Luther College)	Adam Forsyth – Luther College

Absent:

Jim Schwan – Winneshiek Medical

Consider approval of March 7, 2019 regular meeting minutes

**Motion by Franz and second by Lubke to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2019 regular meeting minutes.
No further discussion.
Roll call vote; motion carried unanimously.**

Consider approval of claims

a. R & S Fiber Optic Services city hall and PD termination move	\$600.00
b. Fuse Technic LLC DMN AS migration planning	\$450.00
c. Fuse Technic LLC SP BGP change coordination	\$900.00

**Motion by DeVore and second by Franz to approve and pay the claims as presented. No further discussion.
Roll call vote; motion carried unanimously.**

Discussions on future proofing repairs on the network

a. Funding options

Albert reviewed some repair information from Ramseth. There appears to be approximately six miles of fiber needing some level of repair or maintenance. Albert noted approximately 50% is along the IRHTP route and the other 50% is DMN fiber. It was discussed that some of the fiber failure is related to squirrel chews and some is related to abrasive fiber conditions.

There was general discussion on funding and cost sharing scenarios. The board expressed interest in addressing the repairs as soon as possible Lensch noted he would reach out and try to set up a meeting with other parties for discussion.

DeVore noted he would take the lead on initiating repairs.

Discussion and possible action on purchase of old fiber from vendor

Albert reported Alpine Communications would sell several thousand feet of fiber to the MetroNet for \$2,000. There was concern about having it tested first. Bird inquired about proof of ownership and verification there is no one else on the fiber.

**Motion by DeVore and second by Lubke to approve the purchase of fiber from Alpine Communications for \$2,000 contingent on a positive OTDR test and results.
Roll call vote; motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion and update on other tech issues

- Fiber connectivity issues and possible repairs
Albert provided a brief update.
- Router updates, timing, and task assignments / IP addressing project
Albert provided a brief update and there was brief discussion on the going IP addressing issues.

Other business

- Propose airport spur extension
Albert reported work is still in progress.

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Adjourn

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm with motion and second by Lensch and Franz. respectively.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. A. Franz", is written below the text "Respectfully submitted".