

Decorah MetroNet
28e Tech Committee Meeting

May 10, 2019
10:00am

Winneshiek Medical Center
Conference Room A

Minutes

Members attending:

Jon Lubke (representing Winneshiek County)
Brian Lensch (representing Winneshiek Medical)

Kurt DeVore (representing Decorah Schools)
Mark Franz (representing Luther College)

Steve Smith – Winneshiek County
Jim Schwan – Winneshiek Medical
Lynn Luloff – Winneshiek Medical
Chopper Albert – City of Decorah
Adam Forsyth – Luther College

Absent:

Others in attendance:

Adam Ramseth – R&S Fiber
Mark Dayton – State of Iowa ICN

Joint discussion on develop recommend actions to DMN Board on plans to repair DMN fiber plant

1. Purpose statement - DMN and ICN

Albert opened the meeting with introductions of attendees and an overview of the proposed project.

2. Joint discussion

a. Dialog on DMN repair plan

There was general discussion on fiber repair issues on aerial fiber in several areas on the MetroNet. The group reviewed maps and discussed segments of aerial fiber to be buried.

3. Costs and Funding options for DMN repair plan

Mark Dayton, from the ICN noted he would like to see the repairs in two separate segments; the IRHTP route and the MetroNet route.

Dayton stated he had reviewed the IRU agreement with the MetroNet and knew the responsibility of the ICN and IRHTP for the proportionate sections. Dayton indicated he would like to see the IRHTP section broken out in full cost of approximately \$135,000 for buried fiber for two miles in that segment and then look at deducting the splicing / prep of the up and over 36 IRHTP strands splicing to fall on MetroNet Board. He believes this will then be a cost to IRHTP / ICN on that segment of approximately \$119,000.

Segment two work would be the MetroNet's build in-ground fiber of 2.5 miles at a cost of \$160,000.00 and MetroNet would invoice the ICN for the 24 strands, or 17% proportionately, which would be \$27,200.00.

Lensch moved and Lubke seconded a motion to take a recommended proposal to the full MetroNet Board as follows; design a build out of fiber for buried segments of IRHTP for segments 1 & 2 to follow Mark Dayton's request of full build minus overage of splicing / prep 36 fiber strands above and beyond to fall on MetroNet and segments 3, 4, and 5 to belong to MetroNet and invoiced proportionately to ICN at 17%.

The Tech Committee concurred with this recommendation to the full board.

4. Dialog on fiber strands (fiber counts)

There was general discussion on fiber strand counts on both segments and who is responsible for which and under contract terms.

5. Take-aways/ Next Steps to drive action

Tasks and take-a-ways assigned included:

Adam Ramseth and West Union Trenching to firm up quotes to bury damaged fiber on the segment routes.

Chopper Albert to put together an email with segment cost breakdowns on each segment of fiber to be buried and send off to Mark Dayton and others.

Information compiled for bid specifications and design for public bidding process.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20am.

Respectfully submitted

Chopper Albert