

Decorah MetroNet  
28e Tech Committee Meeting

May 14, 2019  
2:00pm  
Decorah City Hall  
Council Chambers

Minutes

Members attending:

Brian Lensch (representing Winneshiek Medical)  
Kurt DeVore (representing Decorah Schools)

Steve Smith – Winneshiek County

Chopper Albert – City of Decorah  
Adam Forsyth – Luther College

Others in attendance:

Lee Fullhart – Decorah Schools, IT Technician

Review Arvig fiber lease agreement and make approval for Chair to sign off on

*There was discussion regarding the Arvig IRU lease and non-recurring charge for MetroNet build-out for small cell agreement.*

***Motion made by DeVore and seconded by Forsyth to approve the Arvig agreement and non-recurring charge and authorize the MetroNet Chair sign agreement and complete IRU for the term of contract and have City invoice Arvig for NRC charges agreed upon.***

***No further discussion.***

***Roll call vote; motion carried unanimously.***

Approve bills. Adam Ramseth bill for Arvig build and construction costs.

***Motion by Albert and second by Lensch to approved R&S Fiber invoice for MetroNet / Arvig NRC of \$59,741.00, and \$1,500.00 bill for handhole upgrades to MetroNet fiber ring.***

***No further discussion.***

***Roll call vote; motion carried unanimously.***

Discuss and action on ICN/MetroNet fiber repairs current and past

*There was general discussion on the recent conversations regarding the ICN / IRHTP fiber repairs section in two sections. Albert noted he would develop an emailed overview to share with the full board, the report will outline all costs and reimbursements.*

*There was discussion regarding finalizing plans with R&S Fiber and West Union Trenching and if they could drive the route. It was noted there will be rock in the St. Ben's route area. Albert noted the total project cost is estimated at \$295,000 with changes for rock. Albert also noted the team hopes to offset some costs following the bike path out to Freeport for direct bury segments of current aerial.*

***Motion by Smith and second by Lensch to put together pricing repair segments of the IRHTP route following the ICN's Mark Dayton's previous comments of the two mile stretch of buried fiber at approximately \$135K minus the splicing difference of 36 strands to 144 which will be the MetroNet's responsibility, and the remaining fiber repairs for direct bury of approximately two or 2.5 miles of buried fiber, invoiced to ICN for 17% of proportional costs.***

***No further discussion.***

***Roll call vote; motion carried unanimously.***

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**Update on alpine fiber cable**

*Albert gave an update on the Alpine fiber purchase of \$2,000.00 and stated the team is awaiting a test of the fiber from Alpine with the MabeITel box being locked. He concluded it should happen in the next couple of weeks.*

**Update on Telecommunications Fiber plans**

*Albert gave a brief update on Decorah Telecommunications FTTP project and noted there are still low-level conversations.*

**In other discussion**

*Albert noted he wanted to create a Google account to share updated maps and information for all members of the Board.*

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:38pm

Respectfully submitted  
Chopper Albert