

Decorah MetroNet 28E Board Meeting  
July 18, 2019 11:30am  
Decorah City Hall Council Chambers

Minutes

Members attending:

Jon Lubke (representing Winneshiek County)  
Brian Lensch (representing Winneshiek Medical)  
Chad Bird (representing City of Decorah)  
Mark Franz (representing Luther College)

Steve Smith – Winneshiek County  
Jim Schwan – Winneshiek Medical  
Chopper Albert - City of Decorah

Kurt DeVore (representing Decorah Schools), via conference call.

Also: Adam Ramseth

Absent:

Adam Forsyth – Luther College

Consider approval of April 17, 2019 regular meeting and May 10, and May 14, 2019 Tech Committee minutes  
**Motion by Franz and second by Lensch to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2019 regular meeting and May 10, and May 14, 2019 Tech Committee minutes No further discussion.**  
**Roll call vote; motion carried unanimously.**

Consider approval of claims

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| 1. ARIN – registry                                  | \$450.00 |
| 2. Winneshiek County – marking flags, reimbursement | \$121.27 |

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

Discussion and possible action on purchase of old fiber from vendor

*Albert and Ramseth reported on the Alpine Communications fiber. It was noted it may be used for a path for the schools to reach the North Winneshiek Campus. Ramseth noted the fiber appeared in good shape he did say there were some questionable splices along the path. They noted not all the poles will be used.*

Discussion and update on other tech and network repair issue

*There was general discussion on funding and cost sharing scenarios. The board was updated that the eRate funding application was denied. The next funding cycle is in December 2019 for a January 2020 approval with funds available in July 2020. DeVore noted the earliest work could start with the new grant and funding is April 2020.*

*There was conversation about starting the IRHTP segment work as noted in previous Tech Committee discussions. It was noted segment was one of the most trouble prone segments. It was also noted IRHTP work is not eRate eligible work.*

*Segment 1; the IRHTP section full cost of approximately \$135,000 for buried fiber for two miles in that segment. A cost to IRHTP / ICN on that segment of approximately \$119,000.*

*The board discussed waiting on segment 2 for the eRate funding cycle.*

*Segment 2; work would be the MetroNet's build in-ground fiber of 2.5 miles at a cost of \$160,000.00.*

Adjourn

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 12:36m with motion and second by Lubke and Franz. respectively.

Respectfully submitted

