

Decorah MetroNet 28E Board Meeting  
Friday, August 30, 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)  
Adam Forsyth – Luther College  
Kurt DeVore (representing Decorah Schools)

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

Absent: Mark Franz (representing Luther College)

Consider approval of July 18, 2019 regular meeting minutes

**Motion by Lubke and second by DeVore to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2019 regular meeting minutes No further discussion.**

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

Consider approval of claims

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| a. ARIN – registry             | \$500.00 |
| b. Ben Stineman                | \$375.00 |
| c. R&S Fiber – airport project | \$39,196 |

*Albert reviewed the claims and noted the ARIN registry is an annual charge for the licensing of numbers. There was some discussion whether the addresses belonged to the City, Luther, or the DMN. Through discussion, the board determined the DMN would pay for the renewal.*

*Albert noted work on the IP addresses is continuing and he recommended payment of the Stineman invoice.*

*There was discussion about the airport project and Albert noted he and Bird are working on an IRU with Gundersen that would cover the costs of construction. It was also noted the project installed fiber to the airport and its facilities and the new Gundersen airlift hangar. The Board felt if the IRU was to cover the costs in a shorter time (rate of return) than the full IRU, the project sounded like a win for the DMN. The Board agreed to cover the costs on the contingency an IRU is signed.*

**Motion by DeVore and second by Lubke to approve and pay the claims as presented. No further discussion.**

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

Discussion and update on MetroNet repairs with ICN/IRHTTP route

*Albert and Lensch gave an update on the repairs and there was discussion regarding the agreement and construction contract. It was believed work start is about 90 days out. There also was discussion regarding submitting claims to the ICN for reimbursements in shorter increments such as 50% work completion, 75% work completion, etc.*

Arvig additional Cell towers and possible fiber expansion of MetroNet; amending current IRU lease

*Albert discussed a possible fiber network extension leg Arvig is considering and there was discussion on how to work an agreement with Arvig. Some believed the current agreement could be amended. There was some concern about whether Arvig would build and the DMN would build. The Board agreed Arvig should build then handoff to DMN, then an IRU could be drafted or amended.*

**Discussion on proposed CenturyLink fiber build and similarities to proposed MetroNet projects**

*Albert discussed some possible similar trenching and fiber builds the Company is proposing in relation to some plan projects by the ICN / DMN. He reviewed maps with the Board and there was general discussion about potential partnerships. Albert noted he would continue to work with CenturyLink on possible collaborations.*

**Review of city ROW permits for proposed work by others**

*Albert and Bird noted some of the internal changes they are working through in regards to handling ROW permits. There was discussion about some of the larger projects by utilities in the community.*

**Discussion regarding Gundersen IRU / fiber lease; airport**

*As discussed under claims, Bird and Albert reviewed a potential IRU lease with Gundersen for fiber to their hangar. Bird reiterated the hangar and property are city owned and part of the airport grounds. Gundersen is in a twenty-year lease for the hangar space. Albert and Bird proposed a ten-year IRU for fiber.*

**Update on Alpine fiber**

*Albert noted there was nothing new on this item, he is waiting for a release document from Alpine.*

**Update on telecommunications FTTP**

*Albert reported the Telecommunication Utility Board met recently and is continuing to discuss possible partnerships. No other action is reported.*

**Adjourn**

*There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 12:41pm with motion and second by Lubke and Forsyth respectively.*

Respectfully submitted

