

Decorah MetroNet 28E Board Meeting  
April 21, 2020 12:0pm  
Decorah City Hall

Electronic meeting pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.8 – In circumstances where such a meeting is impossible or impractical due to concerns about COVID-19 and social distancing for the safety of commission members and the public.

In support of Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds' proclamation declaring a State of Public Health Disaster Emergency in Iowa, the current COVID-19 situation makes it "impossible and impractical" to meet in one location. Due to this the Decorah City Hall will remain closed to the public for the April 21, 2020 Decorah MetroNet Board meeting. However, the meeting will be made available telephonically. The public will be able to hear and participate in the Board meeting.

Minutes

Members attending:

Jon Lubke (representing Winneshiek County)	Steve Smith – Winneshiek County
Brian Lensch (representing Winneshiek Medical)	Jim Schwan – 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

Consider approval of February 28, 2020 regular meeting minutes

**Motion by Lensch and second by Franz to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2020 regular meeting minutes. In discussion, Lensch clarified the language regarding USAC and E-rate funding in regards to the IRHTP project and asked that the IRHTP language not include or reflect ties to E-rate funding. No further discussion. Roll call vote; motion carried unanimously.**

Consider approval of claims

a.	R&S Fiber Optic Services	fiber move; PD and Jail move	\$4,830.00
b.	R&S Fiber Optic Services	IRHTP cutover	\$4,304.00
c.	GrayBar	splice cases and panel	\$3,542.50
d.	Fuse Technic, LLC	routing config cleanup	\$ 450.00
e.	Vick's Heating	thaw frozen sill cock / box	\$ 100.00

**Motion by Lubke and second by DeVore to approve and pay the claims as presented. In discussion, there was clarification items b, c, and e are for reimbursement items. No further discussion. Roll call vote; motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion and possible action on updates and open projects:

- a. MetroNet repairs with ICN/IRHTP route update  
*Albert noted one section of the IRHTP repair project was completed and live. He expected other sections to be completed around August. There was some discussion on crossover dates and maintenance and all agreed, this needed to be a scheduled activity so there was time to plan. There was also considerable discussion on router configuration.*
- b. *Fiber E-Rate update*  
*Regarding the funding, DeVore noted the application is one step closer to becoming final.*
- c. *Records Management update from R&S*  
*Albert reported this work is almost completed. He noted there are a few more handholes to test yet but work is progressing.*
- d. *Public Private Partnerships*  
*Albert noted he has had conversation with a firm that is interested in a public private partnership with the Telco about fiber network to the home systems in Decorah. He noted conversations are ongoing but sound promising.*

Other business

- a. *Discussion on Courthouse fiber repair (statue to corner of Winnebago and Main) and adding a second drop to the Annex (up Broadway from the near Anderson law).*

*There was general conversation about two aspects of the discussion; making repairs to the damaged fiber section into the Courthouse and; adding a second "drop" of fiber into the facility providing for increased redundancy.*

*Smith and Albert noted there should be verification of the ICN connection on the damaged section.*

*There was also discussion about what other facilities on the DMN may have redundancy as part of their original construction configuration. There was also discussion about whether the library facility should be added in on the redundancy config discussion.*

*Albert was going to verify costs and possible segmented cost allocations and bring back to the board for discussion and approval.*

Adjourn

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 12:48pm with motion and second by DeVore and Bird. respectively.

Respectfully submitted

