

Decorah MetroNet 28E Board Meeting
September 25, 2020
11:30am
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 had limited seating for the public for the September 25, 2020 Decorah MetroNet Board meeting. However, the meeting was made available telephonically. The public was able to hear and participate in the Board meeting.

Minutes

Members attending:

Jon Lubke (representing Winneshiek County)	Steve Smith – Winneshiek County
Chad Bird (representing City of Decorah)	Chopper Albert - City of Decorah
Kurt Devore (representing Decorah Schools)	
Mark Franz (representing Luther College)	Adam Forsyth – Luther College
Lensch (representing Winneshiek Medical)	Jim Schwan – WMC

Consider approval of July 23, 2020 regular meeting minutes

Motion by Franz and second by Bird to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

No further discussion.

Roll call vote; motion carried unanimously.

Consider approval of claims

a.	R&S Fiber Optic Services	jail mezzanine work	\$4,450.75
b.	FuseTechnic X4	BGP planning and CTL outage	\$3,150.00
c.	Reimbursement - purchased GBIC's FS.com		\$1,449.60
d.	Decorah Schools E-Rate Invoice	fiber upgrades	\$78,118
	• Amount due to Decorah Schools / MetroNet eRate portion - \$94,824.00		

Albert reviewed each of the presented claims. Bird noted there are insufficient funds pay all the presented claims this month. There was discussion about the anchor member contributions and Bird noted he would send them soon.

Motion by Franz and second by DeVore to approve the claims presented; A through C.

No further discussion.

Roll call vote; motion carried unanimously.

There was additional discussion and clarification regarding the E-Rate invoice claim and it was noted the MetroNet's share is \$78,118.00. Bird noted the Board has paid previous repair and rehabilitation e-rate claims of \$31,500.00 and \$72,600.00.

Motion by Franz and second by Lensch to approve paying the e-rate claim contingent on available funds in the account, at the discretion of the Chair.

No further discussion.

Roll call vote; motion carried unanimously.

Consider updates on open projects:

- a. *MetroNet repairs with ICN / IRHTP route update*
Albert provide an update on the work being performed.
- b. *Fiber E-Rate update Decorah Schools fiber – Final*
Albert and DeVore noted this should be near the end of work and repair and rehab has been proceeding as expected.
- c. *MetroNet partnership updates – US Cellular agreement Signed in full - approval*
Albert noted the agreement is signed and both parties are ready for final approval and execution. Bird noted US Cellular is paying for the initial construction and installation costs. The agreement is then a 10-year IRU agreement. Bird stated the amount payable to DMN is \$1,076.50 per month and \$12,918.00 per year.

Motion by DeVore and second by Lubke to approve a ten-year IRU lease agreement with USCC Services, LLC for fiber use.

No further discussion.

Roll call vote; motion carried unanimously.

- d. *Update on IP changes*
Albert provide a status report on the change overs.
- e. *Update on DNR wireless possible action*
In board discussion, the board directed Bird to draft an invoice and an agreement to send to Raptor Resources regarding broadband and fiber use, by them and by others.
- f. *other items*
Lensch discussed WMC pandemic strategies and concerns.

Adjourn

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 12:02pm with motion and second by DeVore and Lubke. respectively.

Respectfully submitted

