

Decorah Telecommunications Utility Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 1, 2021 – 5:00pm
City Hall Council Chambers

Minutes

Members attending:

Paul Mattson
Jarrad Walter
Lydia Andersen
Paul Scott
One seat remains vacant

Others in attendance:

Chopper Albert
Travis Goedken
City Council member Ross Hadley

Discussion and possible action on a proposal for a fiber-to-the-premise (FTTP) utility project

Albert reviewed the submitted proposal from AcenTek for a public / private fiber to the premise partnership. There was discussion from the board about the proposal and the perceived gap in funding / profitability for the full community build out.

In general discussion, the board asked how much the city might be able to contribute to such a full build out. There was also discussion about possible Decorah MetroNet participation and financial contributions. Albert noted an illustration he built into the model.

There was discussion about ask AcenTek to structure the revenue share based on take rates, increasing a per subscription fee as users increase.

There was discussion about trying to develop about \$1,500,000 in city cash or partnership to get the effort started and to secure better financial footing.

Goedken and Albert discussed that the next step includes designing the plant, as the project will have to be competitively bid. The group agreed that a letter of support to council should be included when considering a \$25,000 proposal from R&S.

Adjourn

Seeing no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:49 PM

Respectfully submitted

Travis Goedken