

# **Meeting Minutes**

Frontier TeleNet Board Meeting 10:00 am, December 20, 2020

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Board members in attendance: Lynn Morley, Joe Dabulskis

**Public present:** Jim Deason, Kathryn Greiner, Tim Reneau, George Neisen, Gary Bettencourt, Don Hull, Ryan LeBlanc, Larsen Grabenkort, Jim Adkins, Garret Winter, Steve Shaffer, and 2 unidentified callers

Minutes Prepared by Brenda Snow Potter, Frontier TeleNet Bookkeeper Recording available at <u>https://www.frontiertelenet.com/meetings-audio-recordings/</u>

## Recording stated at 10:00 am

# 1.0 Call to Order; Establish Quorum; Introductions; Additions/Revisions to Agenda

2.0 **Public Comment:** No public comment

#### **3.0** Financial Matters

**3.1** Review and Consider Monthly Financial Summaries for July-September 2020 Motion made by L Morley to approve financial summaries as presented. Second by J Dabulskis. Unanimously approved.

# 4.0 Old Business

#### 4.1 Discuss Grant County Link Decommissioning

**4.1.1** R LeBlanc provided an update regarding this matter. Grant ESD has terminated. John Day has no further need for the FTN connection. Fiber into Dayville was discussed. HomeTel and Blue Mountain can provide connections for the remaining users. Motion made by J Dabulskis to look into the decommission of the Grant County Link. Second by L Morley. Unanimously approved.

# 4.2 Consider Approval of ODOT-OSP Mutual Aid Agreement

D Hull has reviewed and approved of this document. The document needs to be sent to Diane Majors. L Morley will follow up on this.

## 4.3 Roosevelt Tower Site Project Update

R LeBlanc provided an update regarding this matter. The vendors have been notified. The generator has been ordered. COVID and poor weather have caused delays. The electrician cannot connect until the generator has arrived. The roofer has not been able to get into the location. A temporary patch was installed at no extra charge. The temperature must be above 40 degrees before the final roofing project can be completed.

# 4.4 Cottonwood Site Project Update

R LeBlanc provided an update. Worked with D Hull on the invitation to bid letter. Once changes have been made, the letter will be distributed. Walk throughs will be provided as

required by the invitation to bid. J Dabulskis has the signed agreement from the landowner. The start date will begin when the work starts. R LeBlanc will reach out to the landowner.

## 4.5 Discuss Dark Fiber Lease Agreement with Gilliam County Fiber Council for PSAP

K Greiner asked why FTN has not approved this lease agreement. Reviewed old minutes and statement written by Tom McCoy regarding this matter. The cost is \$500 per month per pair. This should be in the agreement that was provided during the Frontier Regional 911 meeting. It was originally mission critical to get fiber to the PSAP.

L Morley has had conversations with Windwave regarding a connection at no charge. J Dabulskis asked about the letter and minutes. K Greiner will forward a copy of said documents. Sherman County invested 2 million in this project.

Per L Morley, FTN was taken out of the picture when Gilliam and Condon combined on this project to build their fiber line. The original RFP was for a run from Arlington to Condon through Frontier TeleNet.

K Greiner referred again to meeting minutes from 2016. She asked why FTN does not want to connect to the PSAP after Gilliam County has spent 1.5 million on this.

L Morley referred to the cost of connecting dark fiber to the switch and the Pittock Building. Gilliam County wants paid for this?

Per J Dabulskis, Sherman County does not get paid for a connection at Erskine. Has not seen the original agreements between Frontier and the counties.

L Morley add this matter to the next agenda.

# 5.0 New Business

# 5.1 Discuss Motorola Service Agreement

G Neisen reviewed the SUA contract renewal with the addition of Jefferson County. The SUA expires at the end of next year. This discussion is for early renewal and setting the new price. There are two versions, one with Jefferson County and one without. This shows the cost difference. Jefferson County will be responsible for the price increase.

Per J Adkins, the contract for the project and upgrade were approved by the Jefferson County Court. The fee increase for the SUA was not communicated to the users. He will need to review this matter.

L Morley tabled the matter until further notice.

# 6.0 Day Wireless Update

T Reneau provided an update.

Gordon Ridge door needs replaced due to damages caused by water Rancheria, Asher Clinic had power failures Working on the ODOT expansion project Reviewing inoperability reports Fuel levels are low – need to schedule generator maintenance

# **Other Matters:**

Per J Deason, the FCC licensing has been reassigned.

L Morley made note of the letter received from Rural Technology Group regarding their reduction in their monthly payment due to loss of customers.

# 7.0 Adjourned at 10:39 am

#### **Additional Announcements:**

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