

Joint Powers Telecom Board Meeting September 30, 2019

The Joint Powers Telecom Board met September 30, 2019 at the Combined Communication Center at 3:30 pm. The following members were present: David Halter, Brandan Corthell, Lisa Maes, and Matt McBurnett. Board Attorney Rob Spence and Board Accountant Drew Varley were also present.

Approval of Minutes

Matt moved to approve August meeting minutes. Lisa seconded, motion carried.

Financial Reports

Drew said the State of Wyoming Self-Audit Report is completed and ready to be sent in. The due date is October 31, 2019.

Matt asked if there were any changes to it compared to last year.

Drew said the only change is the addition of the Uinta Bank account.

Lisa moved to approve the financial reports. Brandan seconded, motion carried.

Brandan moved to approve the self-audit report and allow the Treasurer and Board Chair to sign the report and send it to the State. Lisa seconded, motion carried.

Bills and Claims

David presented bills: Contact Communication for \$3,255, Rocket Miner for \$28.90, Mammoth Networks for \$5,275, Rob Spence for \$1,200, Green River Star \$9.00, Wyoming Financial Insurance \$5,503.68 and Heyborne, Radakovich & Co. for \$795.

David said he would like to switch to the Green River Star for the Boards advertising needs from now on since Rocket Miner prices are way higher.

Matt moved to approve the payment of bills and claims as presented. Lisa seconded, motion carried.

Correspondence

SWC Disconnect of 731 C St. Fiber – David said the County sent a letter requesting the disconnection of the fiber at 731 C St. They have followed the requirements set forth by the Board so David is in favor of disconnecting the service and providing them with a refund for the six months they have paid for in advanced.

The Board agreed and the refund check will be presented for approval at the next Board meeting in October.

Lisa moved to approve the disconnection notice. Matt seconded, motion carried.

Public Comments – Marty Carollo recommended that when the Cities are considering appointing someone to the Board to please make sure the person they are appointing will not have conflict of interest. They need to have people appointed that are neutral.

Other Business

JPA Amendment Discussion Update – Tim Knight from the County said the County has drawn up an agreement with minor updates to it that will be presented to the County Commissioners tomorrow at the Commissioners meeting. If they approve it then it will be forwarded to the Attorneys for both Cities and then forwarded to both of the Governing Body's for approval. The biggest change is the County would not come to the Board with an equal part of the Board for at least 10 years unless contributions come in around \$300,000. If the County provides services or funding to equal the \$300,000 before the 10 years are up then they would be fully vested in the Board otherwise the County would be vested after 10 years.

The Board agreed to the first draft and asked that the County consider keeping the appointments to include a commissioner liaison just as the Cities do. They asked for the County to send it to the Boards Attorney and both City Attorneys if the Commissioners agree to the agreement.

Rob said the Attorney General will have to approve the agreement as well. He suggested the Cities and County approve it with the Attorney General as the final approver.

Drew suggested the Board complete a name change/update as well while in this process. The State, the Banks and both Cities have it named differently so to do a name change for everyone might be more efficient.

Visionary Communications Request for Bandwidth – David said Visionary is looking for new 1 GB of bandwidth and has asked to purchase some from the Board. The total would be \$1,140 per month.

Marty asked how the Board is able to sell the bandwidth to them.

David said the Board is allowed to sell to providers as they have with All West Communications and Contact Communications. The Board will have to own the equipment and he told them that and they were still wanting to move forward. After Visionary completes the install the equipment will be handed over to the Board so the Board can take ownership of it and add it to the assets and insurance.

Matt moved to authorize Rob to draw up an agreement for Visionary Communications for a 1 GB connection at \$1,140 per month for one year with the option to renew every year. Lisa seconded, motion carried.

Drew asked when should he plan on billing them.

David said the 1st of November.

Next Meeting

David said the next meeting will be October 21, 2019, at 3:30 pm, at the Combined Communications Center.

Adjournment

Lisa moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:42 pm. Brandan seconded, motion carried.

Submitted by,
Tara Smith
Recording Secretary