



**Wired Road Authority
Board Meeting
October 24, 2017 – 3:00 PM – Galax Municipal Building**

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Construction Progress Meeting – Wired Road Connector Project
3. Consent Agenda
 - Minutes from September 2018 meeting
 - Financial Reports
4. Reports
 - Wide Open
5. Old Business
 - TRRC Last Mile Program – Grant Update
 - Grayson Broadband Study Update
 - Carroll Broadband Study Update
 - Downtown Wireless (Matt & Sid)
 - LS Net
 - Other
6. New Business
 - Other
7. Public Comments



The future of broadband in southwest Virginia.

The Wired Road Authority

September 26, 2018

Minutes

Members Present

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| ✓ Keith Barker | BRCEDA Appointee, Chairman |
| ✓ John Fant | Grayson Representative, Vice-Chairman |
| - Travis Haynes | City of Galax Representative |

Others Present

Matt Bussing, Wide open Networks

Angela Wolfe, MRPDC

Jamie Peck, Eden & Associates

David Day, USC

By Conference Call

- Sid Boswell, Wide Open Networks
- Keven Hyatt, USC

Construction Meeting

Mr. Barker opened the meeting and began the construction progress meeting. General comments:

- The construction sign is at McDonalds
- Underground boring work should be complete as of the end of the meeting day.
- No aerial work has been done, waiting on make ready from AEP.
- Fiber cut near interstate was incorrectly located. Repairs made the same day.
- No billing to date but progress billing will be made soon.

Regular Meeting

Minutes/Financial Report

Mr. Barker presented the August 2018 minutes for review. Mr. Fant made the motion to accept the consent agenda items, seconded by Mr. Haynes. With no questions, the motion unanimously.

Reports

Matt gave an operations status report, which is attached. Customer count is at 191 plus 5 new provisions. The outage due to the fiber cut was discussed in the earlier meeting, however there was a question regarding redundancy and why service isn't being provided back through the BVU or Skybest connection. Matt will review this. There was

a presentation regarding upgrades to some tower equipment. The presentation was to upgrade 5 sites at a cost of approximately \$21,500. This would allow more reliability and higher speeds. Mr. Fant made the motion to approve the site upgrades for approximately \$21,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Haynes and passed unanimously.

Old Business

TRRC Last Mile Program – Mr. Barker spoke on the Last Mile Program and the timeline for completion. Mr. Tim Pfohl with the tobacco commission confirmed we have 3 years to complete the project and can request an extension if needed. Mr. Barker also asked the board to allow Angela Wolfe with MRPDC to solicit a price to manage the project for submittals, drawdowns, etc. The board agreed to ask for a price.

- Grayson County – Mr. Fant spoke on Grayson progress. An RFP was presented for review. They are envisioning a two-step process where they receive responses, select a company to work with, and then develop the specific sites. Their desire is to consider towers that would support safety equipment as well as a micro-cell equipment. Phase I responses will be due by 12/1 with a selection of a company by 2/1/2019. Phase II will then proceed with the design/build project. After additional discussion, Mr. Fant asked that the Grayson RFP be approved by the board. Mr. Haynes made the motion to approve the RFP and the motion was seconded by Mr. Barker and passed unanimously.
- Carroll County – no update.
- WideOpen – Matt gave an update on the tower RFP they are developing. This would allow towers of incremental sizes to be priced and allow our vendors to tie onto that pricing. It is envisioned that this RFP will be sent out close to the date that the responses are due on the Grayson RFP. The pricing will be listed for 1 year.

Downtown Wireless – Matt will contact MRPDC for information on that application.

LS Net Discussion – Mr. Barker informed the board that LS Net still has not paid any late fees and we are waiting on the September bill. The board agreed to talk to our attorney and begin termination of LS Net as a provider.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

With no further business the meeting ended at 4:30 PM.

Steve Truitt, Secretary