

MINUTES

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority

August 30, 2017

Board members in attendance were: Pete Lalor, Elaine Meil, Mike Mason, John Reiter, and Charles Kolakowski

ESVBA management participating in the meeting who were in attendance: Robert Bridgham and Leah Hoopes (Secretary)

Members of the public attending were:
Joseph Betit, Ron van Geijn, Bob Nichols, Pat Coady

Elaine Meil called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Mr. Reiter moved to approve the Agenda. Mr. Lalor seconded. Motion passed unopposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joseph Betit spoke about the need for inexpensive, high speed internet for mentor programs at churches. Mr. Betit is also interested in having operations on the shore for data processing.

New Business

- A. EVPL Program: Mr. van Geijn offered several suggestions to the board for updating the program to make it more efficient for service providers. (Attached)
Mr. Lalor asked about the restrictions on the structures and why they had to be 50 ft. Mr. Bridgham explained that the Authority wanted to encourage the ISPs to provide new infrastructure and encourage growth in areas that didn't have service.
Ms. Meil asked about the difference between a 15 ft pole and a 50 ft pole. Mr. van Geijn explained that if the antenna is too high it could

travel over the houses and if the pole is too low it could be affected by things like traffic.

Mr. van Geijn also requested that the program allow ISPs to build out to an enclosure instead of a pole as well as allowing the program to support oversubscription. This program would then support for the ISPs to provide FTTH themselves.

Mr. Bridgham stated that this should be considered a different program if the board thinks it's necessary.

- B. Network Extension Request form: Mr. Bridgham presented a revised form for the board to review.

Mr. Lalor explained that any areas where the ISPs don't plan to expand to should be available for the ESVBA. The goal is to identify those areas up front.

Mr. Kolakowski questioned how to determine the time frame for the ISPs to start acting on the areas. Mr. Lalor suggested a rolling one year period.

Ms. Meil stated that there would be a review process from the Authority that compares the areas requested to the budget in order to determine what areas are built out.

Mr. Kolakowski questioned if the extensions would be incorporated in the study done by CTC.

Mr. Reiter stated that in order to decide on a goal they need to receive the results of the study. Mr. Mason agreed that the path the ESVBA chooses to go down should be determined by the results and no actions should be made yet.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Reiter motioned to adjourn at 2:58pm. Mr. Lalor seconded. Motion passed unopposed.

These minutes were approved at the _____ meeting of the Board of Directors of ESVBA.

Presiding Officer

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Leah Hoopes, Secretary