

MINUTES

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

September 15, 2016

Board members in attendance were: Steve Miner, Pete Lalor, Elaine Meil, John Reiter, and John Andrzejewski.

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

Members of the public attending were:
Mike Zodun, Glen Salmon, Bill Parr, and Spencer Murray

Steve Miner called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Mr. Lalor motioned to adopt the amended agenda and remove the first closed session.

Mr. Reiter seconded. Motion passed unopposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Glen Salmon- Describes how insufficient and unreliable DSL is for businesses run from home and that high school and college kids are missing out on opportunities for summer jobs.

Mike Zodun- Explains that people in his Belle Haven neighborhood have service providers available but still have Verizon. The service providers are not lowering their prices to bring in residential customers.

Bill Parr- Explains that there is a barrier to putting equipment on a pole shared by other service providers.

Spencer Murray- States that the expansion of broadband is critical on the Eastern Shore due to the future of Telemedicine.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Ms. Meil moved to approve the Meeting Minutes from July.

Mr. Lalor seconded. Motion passed unopposed.

STATUS REPORT

1. Bloxom Tower- Mr. Pascaretti provided an update stating that the construction is complete and the fiber has been spliced. The tower will be ready once the electronics are delivered and installed.
2. Town Broadband Initiative Program (BIP)- Mr. Pascaretti reported that Nassawadox and Cheriton were both awarded.
3. Wi-Fi Hotspots- Mr. Pascaretti reported that Exmore Park is in progress. Old Mary Nottingham Smith School is waiting on an onsite visit. Parksley Park has been approved to get the fiber in and construction started.
4. VDOT Road Jobs- ESVBA has relocated the fiber
5. Community Solar Energy-Oak Hall Fiber Relocation- ESVBA has relocated its aerial fiber underground.
6. WISP EVPL Program- 16 sites are in service, 1 site is in progress, and several more in planning.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. ESVBA Board of Directors Treasurer-
Mr. Lalor motioned to elect John Reiter as Treasurer. Ms. Meil seconded. Motion passed unopposed.
- b. WISP EVPL Pole/Tower Increase- Mr. Pascaretti stated that some of the service providers are reaching their capacity on the tower and suggested to the BOD that they increase it.
Mr. Reiter motioned to make the tower capacity unlimited. Mr. Lalor seconded. Motion passed unopposed.
- c. Data Rate Study- There were 2 responses to the RFQ and the committee will continue to move forward and award it to one of the qualifying companies.
- d. Small Purchase Procedure-
Mr. Reiter moved to approve the Small Purchase Procedure. Mr. Lalor seconded. Motion passed unopposed.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. PPEA RFP-
Ms. Meil motioned to end the process of the PPEA and withdraw the

agreement with DNG. Lalor seconded. After discussion, motion passed unopposed.

b. **ESVBA Residential Pricing-**

Mr. Lalor moved to approve the ESVBA Residential Rate to serve only houses from Harborton Road to the harbor. Ms. Meil seconded. After discussion, motion passed unopposed.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to enter into closed session according to Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended;) Paragraph 1: Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body. Paragraph 34: Discussion or consideration by a local authority created in accordance with the Virginia Wireless Service Authorities Act (§ 15.2-5431.1 et seq.) of confidential proprietary records and trade secrets excluded from this chapter pursuant to subdivision 19 of § 2.2-3705.6 made by Mr. Reiter, seconded by Ms. Meil. The following board members were present Mr. Andrzejewski, Mr. Miner, Ms. Meil, Mr. Lalor, and Mr. Reiter and voted affirmative.

After closed session, the Chair reconvened the meeting. Motion was made by Ms. Meil, seconded by Mr. Reiter that the Board had entered the closed session for that purpose as set out in Paragraph 1 and Paragraph 34 of Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended. Roll call vote taken Vote was that no other business discussed than as advised in Paragraph 1 and 34. The following board members were present Mr. Andrzejewski, Mr. Miner, Ms. Meil, Mr. Lalor, and Mr. Reiter and voted affirmative.

MOTION

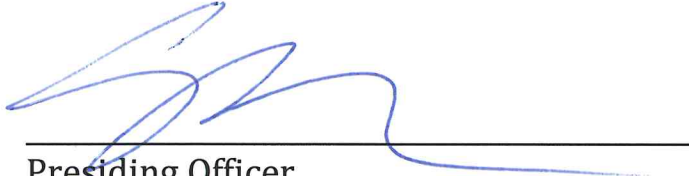
Ms. Meil moved to extend Nicholas Pascaretti's contract for 3 years from the expiration date of March 27, 2017 and to set up a committee to discuss other closed session items. Mr. Reiter seconded. Motion passed unopposed.

Board Comment

ADJOURNMENT

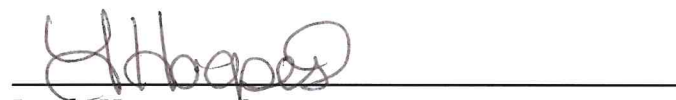
The meeting was adjourned at 4:27pm.

These minutes were approved at the November 17, 2016 meeting of the Board of Directors of ESVBA.



Presiding Officer

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Leah Hoopes, Secretary