

MINUTES

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

May 25, 2023

Board members in attendance were: Elaine Meil, John Reiter, Charles Kolakowski, Kelvin Pettit, and Mike Mason (remotely attending from South Carolina for personal reasons).

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

Members of the public attending were:

Mr. Reiter called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm.

AGENDA ADOPTION

*Ms. Meil moved to amend the agenda to change 7b to **Review FY24 Budget**. Mr. Kolakowski seconded. Motion passed unopposed.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Mr. Kolakowski moved to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes from March. Ms. Meil seconded. Motion passed unopposed.

SYSTEM STATUS & BUILD REPORT

1. WiFi Hotspots- There are currently 27 of the 28 hotspots in service. Ebenezer Church is still offline.
2. Residential Broadband- Mr. Bridgham reported that the Authority has 3030 active residential customers. He stated that

- there are 71 customers in service in Harborton, 35 in Bobtown, 174 in Church Neck, 68 in Sanford, 43 on Cheapside, 4 on Cobbs Station, 106 in Accomac, 8 in Townsend, 263 in Greenbackville, 70 in Atlantic, 86 in Wattsville/Horntown, 88 in Oak Hall, 112 in Hallwood, 78 in Painter/Quinby, 109 in Eastville, 119 in Nassawadox, 8 in Oyster, 289 in Exmore, 104 in Belle Haven, 42 in Cheriton, 45 in Wachapreague, 427 in Onancock, 314 in Cape Charles, 178 in Parksley, 4 in Nocks Landing, 41 in Saxis, 22 on Chincoteague, and 122 on Tangier.
3. WISP EVPL Program- Mr. Bridgham informed the BOD that there are still 59 sites are in service.
 4. Microcommunity Program- There are 42 communities that are in service.
 5. ACP Program- The program had 122 subscribers in the month of May.
 6. Assistance Programs- Mr. Bridgham presented a report showing details for all of the assistance programs.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. VATI FY22 Report – Mr. Bridgham provided a report for the board on the VATI update. He stated that 3 of the 5 sections of Captains Cove are complete.
- b. LOC Resolution – Mr. Pettit motioned to adopt the resolution for the line of credit. Ms. Meil seconded. After discussion, motion passed unopposed.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Staff Compensation Review- Mr. Bridgham suggested that the compensation plan get shifted up 6% to help cover the cost of living.
Mr. Kolakowski motioned to increase staff compensation by 6%. Ms. Meil seconded. After discussion, motion was tabled. Ms. Meil motioned to take the discussion off the table. Mr. Kolakowski seconded. Motion passed. AYE:4 NAY:1
- b. Review FY24 Budget- Mr. Bridgham gave an overview of the FY24 budget changes to the board.
Mr. Mason motioned to approve the FY24 budget, with an added line for the LOC charges. Mr. Kolakowski seconded. After discussion, motion passed unopposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

None

BOARD COMMENTS

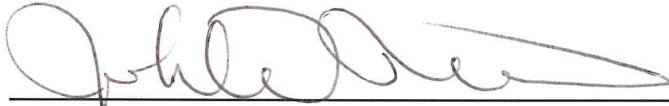
None

Ms. Meil motioned to amend the agenda to remove the Closed Session. Mr. Kolakowski seconded. Motion passed unopposed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25pm.

These minutes were approved at the July 27th meeting of the Board of Directors of ESVBA.



Presiding Officer

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Leah Hoopes, Secretary