

MINUTES

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

January 25, 2024

Board members in attendance were: John Reiter, Charles Kolakowski, Kelvin Pettit,

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

Members of the public attending were: None

Mr. Reiter called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Mr. Kolakowski moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Pettit seconded. Motion passed unopposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Mr. Pettit moved to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes from November and Rate Hearing from December. Ms. Kolakowski 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 3677 active residential customers. He stated that

there are 83 customers in service in Harborton, 32 in Bobtown, 200 in Church Neck, 66 in Sanford, 48 on Cheapside, 4 on Cobbs Station, 106 in Accomac, 9 in Townsend, 541 in Greenbackville, 77 in Atlantic, 82 in Wattsville/Horntown, 130 in Oak Hall, 119 in Hallwood, 83 in Painter/Quinby, 121 in Eastville, 151 in Nassawadox, 8 in Oyster, 331 in Exmore, 120 in Belle Haven, 41 in Cheriton, 46 in Wachapreague, 480 in Onancock, 391 in Cape Charles, 190 in Parksley, 4 in Nocks Landing, 45 in Saxis, 29 on Chincoteague, and 140 on Tangier. The Authority hit 112 installs for the first time.

Mr. Mason asked how many more active circuits are expected in Captains Cove. Mr. Bridgham replied that only one area is fully complete so there are still a lot of orders to take there.

Mr. Reiter asked if the pending install customers is increasing or decreasing. Mr. Bridgham replied that the number continues to stay between 130 and 150.

Mr. Pettit asked what the target is for average install intervals. Mr. Bridgham stated that the board agreed that 30 days is the goal.

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 and 2 new communities that are interested. Mr. Bridgham suggested that ESVBA use the remainder of budgeted funds to fund some of the micros that did not pass.
5. USDA Bailey Neck & Mt Nebo CDF- The ESVBA submitted all requisite documents and filings as of 9/13/23 and ESVBA met with USDA to review documents and confirm final paperwork. Awaiting contract.
6. Assistance Programs- Mr. Bridgham presented a report showing details for all of the assistance programs. The ACP had 146 subscribers in the month of January. Mr. Bridgham explained that the ACP program will be ending after April but customers are able to downgrade their service.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. VATI FY22 Report – Mr. Bridgham provided a report for the board on the VATI update showing the progress in each area. The state agreed to extend the deadline for special

construction for another year.

Mr. Bridgham suggested creating a policy for new subdivisions and how they get funded.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consider FY23 Audit- *Mr. Kolakowski motioned to approve the FY23 Audit. Mr. Pettit seconded. Motion passed unopposed.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

N/A

BOARD COMMENTS

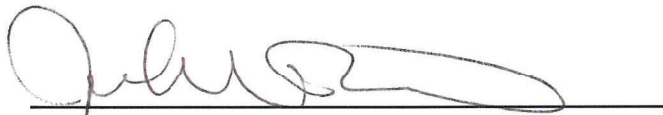
Mr. Pettit stated that it would be good to know how many residents have broadband, including other providers.

Mr. Reiter requested that the Vice Chairman form a committee with county representatives to discuss Broadband's next steps.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:44pm.

These minutes were approved at the March 28, 2024 meeting of the Board of Directors of ESVBA.



Presiding Officer

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Leah Hoopes, Secretary