



## MINUTES

Q-Life Regular Board Meeting  
Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016  
Noon  
Deschutes Room, Wasco County Courthouse

**Call to Order:** President Erick Larson calls the meeting to order.

**Roll Call:** Erick Larson, Taner Elliott, Darcy Long-Curtiss, Scott Hege, John Amery, Roger Kline, Kurt Conger, Keith Mobley, Joseph Franell, Tyler Stone, Tawny Cramer, Erik Orton (Skype)

**Approval of March 23, 2017 Agenda:** Taner makes a motion to approve the March 23, 2017 agenda. Scott seconds the motion. The motion passes to approve the March 23, 2017 agenda.

**Approval of February 23, 2017 Board Minutes:** Scott makes a motion to approve the February 23, 2017 minutes. Darcy seconds the motion. The motion passes to approve the February 23, 2017 minutes.

**Reports:** John explains that during the St. Mary's fiber replacement there have been several planned outages and testing from various points. John determined that the outage was not in the actual splice case, as anticipated, but outside of it which made the fiber replacement necessary. The only customer that was affected was a local data center, which was minimal.

Regarding the BPA Fiber Re-route, Scott asks what the total cost of the project will be. John explains there is still clean-up that has not been completed and therefore he will not be able to provide complete numbers at this time. Once the project is complete QLife administration can do a project wrap-up to help the Board understand the financial impact.

Tyler explains once we move finances from the City to the County we will be able to better track and capture project costs for these types of reports.

**Maupin Project Update:** Erik joins the meeting at 12:28 pm via Skype. Tyler discusses and explains the original draft budget for the Maupin project did not accurately reflect the current scope of work. The project has gradually morphed over time and the additional costs had not been analyzed. QLife administration is currently researching ways to address the cost overruns and reanalyze the scope of work.

We are 50 % over the original Maupin budget but we are addressing some issues to lower cost. Commstructure still has a lot of work to do in the review of the bids and possible options to lower the costs.

Even though the bids are still under review, Erik points out there are some obvious discrepancies in the cost estimates throughout the bids that will need to be further researched.

Erik is also addressing the cost of the underground component of the project and thinks there may be options to lower the costs of that particular segment. Currently, Maupin has certain segments of existing conduit that QLife may be able to utilize and reduce costs but this requires more research. This would also need to be addressed in the scope of work as well.

Erick Larson questions whether the City of Maupin will have any responsibility to assist with the cost overruns of the project. Tyler explains a meeting with Maupin will need to be arranged to discuss the status of the project budget and possible additional funding resources.

Erik Orton will continue his work evaluating the bids and prepare a recommendation for the Board.

Roger Kline and Kurt Conger who have been in attendance, as well as Tyler address the Board.

Tyler discusses the ongoing conversations QLife has been participating in the NWPUD. Tyler is looking forward to continuing to work with Roger Kline and the PUD to improve processes and efficiencies. Roger addresses the Board and explains the PUD is very interested in helping to build bridges of communication and nurture mutual benefits in the QLife and PUD relationship. Everyone agrees, the more the two entities can collaborate the better it will be for both parties.

**Executive Session:** Board enters into Executive Session at 1:53 pm.

Darcy left meeting following Executive Session.

**Discussion – GorgeNet MCCOG Proposal:** Open session reopens at 2:53 pm. Scott moves to approve that QLife moves forward with the GorgeNet MCCOG Proposal, Taner seconds. The motion passes that QLife will agree to the GorgeNet proposal and the 802 Chenowith Project will move forward.

Scott moves to approve the Maintenance Service RFP after legal review by Keith. Erick seconds the motion. The motion passes to move forward with the RFP after legal review.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting on April 27, 2017 at noon.

Submitted by Tawny Cramer

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Brian Ahier Secretary/Treasurer