

QLife Network

QualityLife Intergovernmental Agency

MINUTES

QLife Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 8, 2011 4PM
The Dalles City Hall, 313 Court Street
2nd Floor Conference Room

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Dan Spatz at 4:05pm

Roll Call

In attendance: Erick Larson, Scott Hege, Brian Ahier

Absent: Dan Ericksen

Staff in attendance: Nolan Young, Izetta Grossman, Keith Mobley, John Amery

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Larson and seconded by Hege to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried unanimously, 1 absent.

Approval of July 26, 2011 QLife Regular Board Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Hege and seconded by Ahier to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2011 QLife Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously, 1 absent.

Financial Reports

Young reviewed the July/August financial reports, noting that the Capital Beginning fund balance was over what was anticipated, however those funds were transferred to the Wi Fi project, where they should have been.

Action Items

Award Contract 2011-001 Bisector Redundancy Project: Young reviewed the status of the MOU with the customer. It was moved by Ahier and seconded by Larson to award the contract to the apparent low bidder, NorthSky, contingent on the signing of the MOU by 9/29.

Ahier asked what would happen if the MOU weren't signed; Young explained that all bids would then be rejected and the project rebid with the significant changes in the scope of work that would be needed. Spatz agreed that it made sense to proceed in this manner since there was time.

The motion passed unanimously, 1 absent.

Additional financial assistance for City Wi Fi project: Young explained that there was an opportunity to expand the Wi Fi project that was being done with the Google Grant to the City. Since Google was receiving benefit from the splash page on the log in page, they were required to pay the City for the benefit (\$15K). The City wants to use those funds to expand the system into the high traffic areas around Cascade Square and Safeway. The City is asking QLife to contribute to the expansion in the amount of \$19,125. It was noted by Ahier that the Kiwanis pocket park area of the Port would be a good expansion area, that area is used a lot being an access point to the Riverfront Trail. Hege asked what the cost of running the system is estimated at after the three year maintenance covered by the Google grant (if Google doesn't continue to pay for the maintenance). Young stated the estimated yearly maintenance would be \$10,000. Young reminded the board that the Wi Fi project meets an objective of QLife. In response to a question Young said that it is the intent for the City to hand off the system to QLife. Hege asked if the Bisector or the Wi Fi project would be most important. Young said bisector, however, QLife is in a position to do both.

It was moved by Ahier and seconded by Hege to authorize the expenditure of \$19,125 to the City for the expansion of the Free Public Wi Fi project to Safeway and Cascade Square. The motion carried unanimously, 1 absent.

Reports

Aristo Operational Management Report – Amery reported he was still researching the costs/need for a large generator at City Hall. He is still keeping his eye on the West side loss during cold weather. Eric Orton is researching some causes. Larson asked what was the worst case scenario. Amery replied replacing all the fiber, most of the cost would be in installation. Young said with the redundancy project completed there would be options for maintenance work without causing customers to have outages.

Next Meeting Dates:

Regular Board Meeting October 18, 2011 4pm

Adjourn

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:15PM

Respectfully submitted:

Izetta Grossman, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:


Erick Larson