

# QLife Network

## QualityLife Intergovernmental Agency

### MINUTES

#### QLife Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, January 15, 2015, Noon  
The Dalles City Hall, 313 Court Street  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Hege at 12:15 p.m.

#### Roll Call

In attendance: Scott Hege, Taner Elliott, Dan Spatz

Board Absent: Brian Ahier, Ortonk Larson

Staff: Nolan Young, Izetta Grossman, Möbley Mobley, Amery-Amery, Erik Orton (via telephone)

Others in attendance: Carrie Pipinich, Gary Rains

Election of Officers – It was the consensus of the Board to postpone election of officers until February when a full board would be in attendance.

#### Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Dan and seconded by Taner to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried unanimously, 2 absent.

#### Approval of November 13, 2014 QLife Regular Board Meeting Minutes

It was the consensus of the Board to postpone approval of the minute until February when a full board would be in attendance.

#### Financial Reports

Young reviewed the November - December Financial Reports, explaining Fund 600 is operating and Fund 601 is capital expansion. In response to a question Young explained the summary report from Kate, shows the percent of the fund used and total budget expended. The detail sheets show year to date, top of the page shows percent of year expended.

#### Discussion Items

Process to develop QLife Mission Statement, Goals and Objectives: Hege requested that sometime be spent on review of history of the organization at the first meeting. After much discussion it was the consensus of the Board for the whole board to meet with experts, while this is an open meeting of the QLife Board no public input will be taken at this stage. Staff will work with our third party users of the system exploring their needs/wants and report the results to the Board. Then, we will have a Town Hall Meeting reintroducing and educating the public about QLife. After that, all the available information will be reviewed at a work session to develop vision and mission. Board will determine what is in the best interest of QLife and the community. Once the Board has a clear vision, the vision will be presented to City Council and County Commission for their approval.

Furthermore, it was consensus of the Board that:

- Experts will be invited to a regular board meeting for discussion.
- Town hall meeting can be held at City Hall in the evening
- Work sessions best outside normal work hours

## Reports

Regional Solutions Advisory Council – Carrie Pipinich reported the grant from Google that is following up on gaps and opportunities in South County. There is a Web works project, where those using the web to grow their business work together sharing ideas, successes and failures.

There is currently before the legislature, as part of the Governor's budget, funding using lottery funds with \$500,000 earmarked for housing and \$1.5 million for broadband (\$500,000 for Wasco County). These funds are for capital improvements, matching funds. Mobley talked about a focus on Maupin for increased service. Mobley talked to Orton and BPA briefly on the increased utilization of BPA fiber. LSN is interested, and would like to move forward on such a project. Orton had been researching a Maupin intersection (much like The Dalles). This would be an opportunity for QLife to provide a jump off point, just a transport to open opportunities for many ISP's. In response to a question Carrie stated that the budget was before the legislature and would have to go through that process before she would know for sure if the funds were being allocated. If it was she would need proposals and wanted QLife to be aware. Nolan asked if expansion into the outlying areas of The Dalles and Maupin would fit the criteria. Carrie said she thought that would be acceptable.

Amery said he thought placing QLife fiber at locations with multiple opportunities for ISP's would be a good thing. Mobley asked for authorization to continue conversations to develop possible plans. Hege felt that without a last mile provider he wouldn't want to spend QLife funds, but with that commitment form ISP's it would be intriguing. It was the consensus of the Board for Mobley to continue with conversations.

## Aristo Operational Management Report –

Amery reported that an install for a customer that required an overnight pre plan didn't go as planned, had to reschedule. Tree trimming policy research was complete and he felt that a plan had been developed that would work. When Orton is doing inspects he would alert Amery to any limbs needing to be trimmed. The property owner would be notified, City would assist. Trimming would not be aggressive. It was decided the policy needed to be in writing and posted to the website. Amery will work with Mobley and present at next meeting.

Fire damage was costing over \$20,000. Mobley was research liability and pursuing recovery.

## Wi Fi Phase 5

Young reported City Council had approved proceeding. About half of the grant from Google is to upgrade the system to meet Google's new standards. The rest being used to increase coverage and usability. Areas had been identified as Fire House Park and two drops at the School District 21 locations. The District is concerned it could jeopardize its erate requirements. If this becomes the case new locations will be identified and brought before the Council. Amery noted that

## Next Meeting Dates:

Regular Board Meeting February 26, 2015 Noon

Meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Izetta Grossman, Secretary

Signed:

Erick Larson, Secretary-Treasurer