



MINUTES

Q-Life Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, April 28th 2016
Noon
Deschutes Room, Wasco County Courthouse

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

Roll Call: Tyler Stone, Tawny Wade, Taner Elliot, Scott Hege, John Amery, Kate Mast, Erick Larson, Leif Hansen, Brian Ahier and Keith Mobley

Approval of Minutes: Erick Larson makes motion to approve minutes from last board meeting.

Scott Hege questions the amount mentioned in the minutes for the Public Works Grant. The minutes show the amount of \$280,000. Keith Mobley states it is actually \$28,000.

Scott Hege asks about John Amery working with Tyler Stone to have a back-up in place for Amery and what the status was on that. Agreed by all that this was not pertaining to the minutes and could be addressed in the meeting.

Minutes from March board meeting approved.

Approval of Agenda: Brian Ahier moved to approve the agenda for April meeting, Taner Elliot seconds. Minutes are approved with the edit of Leif Hansen being added to the reports.

Financial Reports: Kate Mast begins narrative of financial reports. Revenue is 76.5% in operational budget with 75% of the year past.

Kate Mast explains in the financial narrative that some line items will be over expended because we are tracking expenses for the Maupin project with only a code within the regular operating budget. The operating fund will eventually need to be reimbursed by the Maupin fund for all these coded expenses.

After finished her reporting, Kate Mast is dismissed.

LSN/Leif Hansen Report: Leif Hansen begins his report on the Maupin project and also discusses the meeting that he and Keith Mobley had with the City of Condon and their interest in getting broadband to their community.

It is discussed that they met with the "broadband committee" and they are concerned about what they don't know. They are interested in talking to QLife as a trusted third party. LSN does not have fiber running into Condon and it would be a 45 mile build out of Wasco with a middle mile estimate of 1.1 million. Keith Mobley suggested they form their own intergovernmental agency similar to QLife but they would prefer to reach out for guidance.

Scott Hege and Erick Larson both state their concerns about getting involved because of ongoing political conversations. Erick asks Keith Mobley if we could possibly be the arbitrator.

Tyler Stone states that the political arm of the City of Condon (Judge Schaffer) reached out to Commissioner Kramer and was told to "back off".

Scott Hege further agrees with Erick Larson that there may be some way to help facilitate their planning; why we did it, how we did it.

Further Leif states the Maupin Project is going well. The only disappointment so far is Wasco Electric is insisting we pole load. Collectively a \$20,000 cost to contract out.

Once Leif Hansen concludes his updates he leaves the meeting.

Reports: Beginning his report, John Amery states there were known system outages this month. Aristo Networks has been working closely with QLife administration to ease the transition.

Scholarship Funding: Moving on to the next topic, Erick Larson notices that the scholarship luncheon date has passed. Erick asks if we want to continue scholarship funding. Tyler's question is if QLife wants to continue to contribute on the same level. Everyone would agree that they would like to know who we are cutting the checks to, receive reports on recipients and continue funding the scholarships.

Oregon Telecommunications Conference: Tyler Stone asks if we want to be a sponsor at the Oregon Telecommunications Conference. Scott Hege states we usually sponsor at the \$500 level. Tyler states he will need to go. In addition, Taner, Keith, Erick and Scott express interest in going. Tawny Wade will also attend to aid in the set-up.

Participant Pricing: Beginning the discussion topic of pricing, Tyler Stone points out to the board that he has included comments and questions on both pricing resolutions 16-003 and 16-004.

Tyler acknowledges that he now understands that Participant pricing and Other Customer pricing is meant to be the same. When asking about the language discussing honoring previous pricing from past service orders for participants it is pointed out that some of what is being discussed may need to be in executive session.

During the discussion about pricing, Scott Hege points out that the board has never been exposed to the pricing and its implementation. The previous administrator, Nolan Young, always handled that alone.

Regarding Tyler's question about honoring previous pricing, Brian Ahier points it out that he thought the new pricing only applied to new customers not necessarily to new service orders.

The suggestion to the board is that Tyler will come to the next board meeting with an amended resolution with further clarification and discussion.

Tyler also asks about QLife covering build out costs as long as there is revenue guaranteed over the life of a 5 year contract, wanting to clarify that this is how it is meant to read. Erick Larson points out QLife recurring costs are not considered in the language, just the initial build out costs.

Tyler Stone asks what happens if we can't build it for the equal amount of revenue received from the 5 year contract. He points out that under the current language a build out would not happen if it were more than that revenue.

Administrative Report: Next on the agenda is a report on the Administrative transition. Tyler points out that his report is in the board packet and due to time restraints everyone can read it on their own time.

Erick Larson moves the meeting into Executive Session.

Next meeting on May 26, 2016 at noon.

Submitted by Tawny Wade

Signed: 

Brian Ahier Secretary/Treasurer