

QLife Network

QualityLife Intergovernmental Agency

MINUTES

QLife Regular Board Meeting

Thursday February 17, 2011 4PM
The Dalles City Hall, 313 Court Street
2nd Floor Conference Room

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

In Attendance: Erick Larson, Dan Spatz, Nolan Young, John Amery, Keith Mobley, Izetta Grossman
Absent: Brian Ahier, Scott Hege

Approval of Agenda

President Ericksen asked for amendments to the agenda. Spatz asked that Broadband Meeting Report be added as Item C under Reports. It was moved by Larson and seconded by Spatz to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously, two absent.

Approval of January 18, 2010 QLife Regular Board Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Spatz and seconded by Larson to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2011 Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously, two absent.

Financial Reports

Young reviewed the financial reports noting that the Redundancy/Bisector projects are more expensive than anticipated; it appears those line items will require a budget amendment.

Action Items

Scholarship Criteria Young reminded the Board that there was \$2000 budgeted for Scholarship, and staff requests direction from the Board on how they would like the scholarship facilitated. It was the consensus of the Board for the scholarship to be for CGCC, Technology fields, books and tuition, 2 \$1000 scholarships, needs based with other requirements typically applied by the CGCC Foundation. The board wanted the recipient to know that this was a scholarship from QLife, a report from the Foundation on how the funds were used, and to invite the recipient to a QLife meeting.

It was decided to wait until the March meeting for the final approval, when more of the board would be present. The funds need to be delivered to CGCC before March 31, 2011 to qualify for the matching funds program.

Discussion Items

Financial Priorities FY 2011-12 – Young reviewed draft priorities list. It was the consensus of the Board to proceed with priorities as presented.

Fiber to the Home Proposal – Amery handed out a cost estimate. Proposal for QLife bringing fiber to the home, the ISP's take it from there. The original model of QLife was to have signed contracts to support the business to reduce risk. Amery agreed about the risk being very high, was hoping for the ok for a feasibility study and grant research. This model had too much risk for the Board to want to pursue it further. The consensus of the Board was this type of plan left the wholesale model QLife was built on, getting deeper than the intent of QLife.

Reports

PUC Grants for Strategic Planning/Wasco County Broadband 10 year plan – Mobley presented information on upcoming grants and recommended that the Board request that he continue to monitor opportunities and deadlines. It was the consensus of the Board that he do so, reporting back to the Board as opportunities develop.

Broadband Meeting Report – Spatz reported that he had attended a meeting on the Washington side with the Department of Information Services, Wilford Saunders Broadband Policy and Program Director and Monica Babine, Sen. Associate with Washington State University. They were looking for good models and Spatz requested that staff provide them with QLife information.

Aristo Operational Management Report –Amery said still working on the Bisector/Redundancy project and space needs for a new customer. He also reported that the meeting with the BPA went well and that Mobley was working with them on a legal document in order for QLife to have access to the property. Mobley reported that he was waiting on a non-disclosure document that would require Ericksen’s signature and the draft agreement.

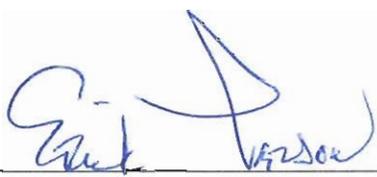
Next Meeting Dates:

Budget Committee Meeting March 22, 2011 3pm
Regular Board Meeting March 22, 2011 4pm

Adjourn

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:35pm

Respectfully submitted by/
Izetta Grossman, Recording Secretary

Attest: 
Erick Larson, Secretary/Treasurer