## **MINUTES**

# Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority

# June 20, 2013

Board members in attendance were: John Read, Mike Zodun, Katie Nunez, Steve Miner, and Pete Lalor.

ESVBA management participating in the meeting who were in attendance: Nicholas Pascaretti and Leah Hoopes (Secretary)

Members of the public attending were: Charles McSwain, John Foley, John Wehner, Marshal Schwenk, Elvin Hess, Annie Hess, Ronald van Geijn, Bill Parr, Karen Jackson, and Brian Manley

Mike Zodun called the meeting to order at 2:07 pm.

# **Motion**

Lalor moved to amend the agenda and combine all of the closed session items into the second closed session. Nunez seconded. Motion passed unopposed.

#### **Public Comment:**

Charles McSwain commented on getting fiber access or broadband service in his community to further economic development, especially for people who work from their homes.

John Foley questioned the progress of the Broadband Authority and also the need for a forum to have an open dialog.

John Wehner commented on getting better internet service for his business in Bridgetown.

Marshall Schwenk commented on getting Broadband in Machipongo.

Elvin Hess made a comment on having limited internet service at his residence in Bridgetown.

Annie Hess commented on needing better internet services for her home based business and for educational purposes.

Ron van Geijn commented that his company, Eastern Shore Communications, sells access to the ESVBA network and that the ESVBA rate schedule is based upon a fixed price and not flexible.

Bill Parr made a statement on needing more information (maps and details) of fiber in order to expand services in the community.

Karen Jackson, Deputy Secretary of Technology for Virginia, stated that she attended the meeting to learn more about the ESVBA and to talk with the BOD. Brian Manley commented on the rates for service providers and needing incentives to grow.

#### **Motion**

Nunez moved to amend and approve the April 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes, to add Pete Lalor attended via Skype. Read seconded. Lalor abstained. Motion passed.

# **Motion**

Lalor moved to approve the May 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes. Read seconded. Lalor, Read, Nunez, and Zodun abstained.

#### **Motion**

Read moved to approve the FY2014 budget. Miner seconded. Motion passed unopposed.

Closed Session - Motion to enter into closed session according to Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended; ) Paragraph 1: Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body. Paragraph 7: Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members, consultants, or attorneys pertaining to actual or probable litigation, and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by the Authority regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by counsel. Paragraph 34: Discussion or consideration by a local authority created in accordance with the Virginia Wireless Service Authorities Act (§ 15.2-5431.1 et seq.) of confidential proprietary records and trade secrets excluded from this chapter pursuant to

subdivision 19 of § 2.2-3705.6 made by Nunez, seconded by Read. The following board members were present Nunez, Lalor, Zodun, Miner, and Read and voted affirmative.

After closed session, the Chair reconvened the meeting. Motion was made by Nunez, seconded by Read that the Board had entered the closed session for that purpose as set out in Paragraph 1, Paragraph 7, and Paragraph 34 of Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended. Roll call vote taken Vote was that no other business discussed than as advised in Paragraph 1 and 34. The following board members were present Nunez, Zodun, Lalor, Miner, and Read and voted affirmative.

## **Motion**

Leah Hoopes, Secretary

Nunez motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m. Lalor Seconded. Motion passed unopposed.

These minutes were approved at the the Board of Directors of ESVBA.	7 (8/2013	meeting of
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