

MINUTES

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

November 20, 2014

Board members in attendance were: Steve Miner, Katie Nunez, Mike Zodun, 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:
Judy Morgan and Bill Parr

Mike Zodun called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

AGENDA ADOPTION

*Mr. Lalor moved to adopt the agenda. Ms. Nunez 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 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 Ms. Nunez, seconded by Mr. Lalor. The following board members were present Ms. Nunez, Mr. Lalor, and Mr. Zodun and voted affirmative.

After closed session, the Chair reconvened the meeting. Motion was made by Ms. Nunez, seconded by Mr. Lalor that the Board had entered the closed session for that purpose as set out in 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 34. The following board members were present Ms. Nunez, Mr. Zodun, and Mr. Lalor voted affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Judy Morgan (Eastern Shore Communications) spoke about the need for another price reduction in order to be more competitive since national carriers are offering cheaper pricing in Chincoteague.

Bill Parr (Eastern Shore Communications) is concerned about their inability to compete with an “incumbent” service provider on Chincoteague.

Mr. Miner arrived at 2:20 pm.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Mr. Lalor moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from October. Mr. Miner seconded. Motion passed unopposed.

STATUS REPORT

1. Bloxom Tower- Mr. Pascaretti provided an update stating that Norman Pitt, Accomack Environmental Program Manager, is reviewing plans to determine if storm water run-off calculations are required. Plans may need to be revised to do so.
2. Town Broadband Initiative Program (BIP)- There were no updates regarding the (BIP)
3. Wi-Fi Hotspots- Wi-Fi Hotspots are in service at Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce and Accomack County Airport. Accomack Visitor Center’s proposal is being reviewed by VDOT. Northampton Visitors Center was approved by CBBT. Also, the Randy Custis Park in Nassawadox is in the process of determining fiber path and antenna locations. Mr. Pascaretti reported that the Old Onancock High School is currently being provided by a different service provider.
4. Fiber Cable to Tangier Island-Mr. Pascaretti explained the cost to build to Chincoteague Island would be approximately \$4.4 million.
5. Service Level Metrics/Outrages-Mr. Pascaretti reported that there had been 2 recent fiber breaks, one at Accomack County Administration building and one on Fleming Rd in Horntown. Both were restored the same day.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. County BIP Program- Mr. Pascaretti presented the BOD with a program model. Mr. Miner expressed concern political influence may have more influence than an analytical basis. Mr. Lalor voiced concerns regarding the need to ensure that the ESVBA funds would add sufficient new broadband users.
- b. Access & Information Policy at ESVBA Wi-Fi Hotspots- Mr. Lalor proposed that the Authority reduce the number of categories blocked by the firewall. After discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the Authority would expand the categories to be blocked.
Mr. Lalor moved that only Malware and Violence/Hate/Racism be blocked from the Wi-Fi Hotspots. Mr. Miner seconded. After discussion, Mr. Lalor withdrew his motion. Mr. Miner motioned to adopt the category default presented and add gambling and Hacking/Proxy Avoidance Systems. Ms. Nunez seconded. Motion passed unopposed.
Mr. Lalor also proposed that public WiFi users be required to authenticate by submitting a valid email address to be granted access to ESVBA's WiFi network. Mr. Zodun felt that this may hinder usage and it was agreed that it could be implement in the future if required. Mr. Lalor also expressed his desire that MAC addresses be retained for a longer period of time in the future.
- c. VDOT Surety Resolution-
Ms. Nunez moved to adopt VDOT Resolution. Mr. Lalor seconded. Motion passed unopposed.
- d. Shore Bank Resolution to borrow money-
Ms. Nunez moved to pass resolution with Shore Bank with the date changed to November 20, 2014. Mr. Miner seconded. Motion passed unopposed.
- e. ESVBA Price Reduction- Mr. Pascaretti provided the board with a sample model that shows a 10% and 20% price reduction.
Mr. Lalor motioned to move county payback period to 24 month. Miner seconded. Motion passed unopposed.
- f. *Ms. Nunez moved to have the Executive Director advertise a Public Hearing on January 29th, 2015 for a price reduction up to 25%. Mr. Lalor seconded. Motion passed unopposed.*
- g. County Payback-
Mr. Miner moved to split the county payback as ratio of contribution. Mr. Lalor seconded. Motion passed unopposed.

OLD BUSINESS

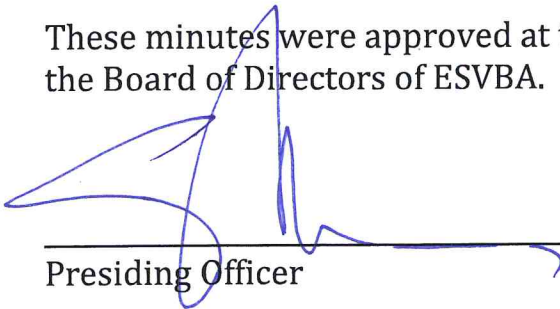
- a. Wi-Fi Hotspots at Public Schools- Mr. Pascaretti explained that he's in the process of arranging a meeting with Mr. Carey about the discussion of possible Hotspots at the schools.

Ms. Nunez motioned to reschedule the next meeting for January 29th, 2015 at 2pm. Lalor seconded. Motion passed unopposed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Miner moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:00pm. Mr. Lalor Seconded. Motion passed unopposed.

These minutes were approved at the Jan 29, 2015 meeting of the Board of Directors of ESVBA.



Presiding Officer

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Leah Hoopes, Secretary