## Q-LIFE

## **MINUTES**

QLife Regular Special Meeting Thursday, July 2, 2020 Via Google Hangouts

<u>Call to Order</u> President Hege calls the meeting to order at 12:02 PM.

<u>Roll Call</u> Scott Hege, Rod Runyon, Dale Lepper, Lee Weinstein, John Amery, Matthew Klebes, Stephanie Krell, Erik Norton and Dan McNeely.

## Changes to the Agenda

There are no changes to the agenda.

[[Mr. Weinstein moves to approve the agenda. Mr. Lepper seconds the motion, which passes unanimously.]]

## **Downtown-Liberty Street Extension Bid Results**

Mr. Klebes reminds the Board that the Downtown-Liberty Street Extension is a fiber to the home project. QLife put an RFQ on ORPIN which closed Monday and we received two responses; The Fiber Guys for a total of \$42,479.12 and Gorge Networks for a total of \$16,602.12. Mr. Klebes asks the Board for a motion to award the contract.

Mr. Lepper wonders why there is such a difference between the bid responses and Mr. Klebes notes that when you look at the itemized prices, NJUNS seems to be where the largest gap in price is. Mr. Amery adds that the bid response format was the same as the Curtis Homes project and the results were opposite with The Fiber Guys submitting a much lower bid. He continues by noting that potentially, Gorge Net really wanted the bid or could even be due to an open construction schedule.

Mr. Lepper asks Mr. Amery if he is comfortable with the pricing submitted by Gorge Net and Mr. Amery responds that he is.

Mr. Norton mentions that there have been some difficulties with Gorge Net on past projects but Mr. Amery confirms that a schedule was included in the bid packet and includes language that the winner bidder must submit their engineering plan which he plans to have Commstructure to review for issues.

Mr. Lepper wonders if we run into difficulties, do we have an option to dissolve the contract and President Hege notes that we are not locked in to working with them. Mr. Amery adds that the bid packet includes language for a mutually agreeable contract.

Mr. Norton asks if there was an OPC created for the project and Mr. Amery responds that there was not but he estimated the bids to come in higher. Mr. McNeely adds that the standalone cost could be lower because Gorge Net is involved already.

[[Mr. Weinstein moves to accept the bid of \$16,602.12 submitted by Gorge Networks for the Downtown-Liberty Street Extension Project. Mr. Runyon seconds the motion, which passes unanimously.]]

The meeting is adjourned at 12:20 PM

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is set for July 23, 2020.

These minutes were approved by the QLife Board on <u>July 23, 2020</u>
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Scott Hege, President