



MINUTES

QLife Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 7, 2019
511 Washington St, Deschutes Conference Room

Call to Order President Hege calls the meeting to order at 12:08 PM.

Roll Call Scott Hege, Rod Runyon, Lee Weinstein, Darcy Long-Curtiss, John Amery, Kristen Campbell, Keith Mobley, Tyler Stone, Stephanie Krell, Kayla Nelson, and Dan McNeely (via Skype).

Changes to the Agenda

There are no changes to the agenda.

[[Mr. Weinstein moves to approve the agenda. Ms. Long-Curtiss seconds the motion, which passes unanimously.]]

Approval of the Consent Agenda

[[Mr. Weinstein moves to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Long-Curtiss seconds the motion, which passes unanimously.]]

Financial Report

Ms. Nelson presents the financial report included in the Board Packet and notes that financials are trending as expected. As mentioned in previous meetings, expenses for the Operations fund are lower than this time last fiscal year due to Contracted Services being significantly less.

Ms. Nelson continues by remarking on the Maupin fund, which is at 391% because of the pass-through grant received from the City of Maupin. This is due to the pass-through occurring in a different fiscal year than the one it was budgeted for. Revenue has also started to arrive in the form of Gorge Net receipts.

Mr. Runyon notes that there are a few account lines that are budgeted for but were not expended last fiscal year. Ms. Nelson will look into those accounts to be sure we should not move those budgeted funds elsewhere.

Ms. Long-Curtiss mentions that she received an invitation to a Spectrum event regarding broadband for low-income households. She wonders if there will be any impact to QLife. Mr. Stone replies that QLife would not necessarily feel the impact but providers like Gorge Net and LS Networks might.

Mr. Stone reports to the Board that the broadband market may change due to acquisitions and merging of other local providers. He is unsure as to whether this will lead to partnership opportunities or competition.

Discussion Items

Aristo Technical Management Report

Mr. Amery informs the Board that QLife is scheduled to meet with a group of BPA staff in December to discuss interconnections, easements and leases.

Repair of the damaged fiber repair around E. 15th and Jefferson is complete and vegetation has been cleared.

US Cellular 5G Applications

Mr. Mobley informs the Board that US Cellular has applied for 5G and the City of The Dalles has not made any preparations. When US Cellular applied, a 90 day response deadline was initiated, as required by the FCC. He continues by stating that he has been in contact with Erik Orton of Commstructure to review what we should be doing as an entity.

Mr. Stone worries that if US Cellular and other providers begin installing equipment, this could lead to poles falling out of compliance. Mr. Mobley notes that Northern Wasco PUD proposed installing stub poles aside main poles. He wonders if QLife can mirror a project similar to the one completed in Maupin for the City of The Dalles. That would allow QLife to own the 5G equipment and resolve potential aesthetic, health and pole loading issues. Mr. Mobley is also waiting for a call from a city in Idaho that already has 5G in place to see how they successfully transitioned.

Mr. Stone asks the Board if they would like him to explore this further and the Board is in consensus.

Lone Pine Update

Mr. McNeely calls into the meeting via Skype and informs the Board that he is working with Northern Wasco PUD to install a pole for the railroad crossing. Drawings will be submitted to Mr. Stone this week and Mr. Amery will submit those to ODOT, Union Pacific and the City of The Dalles to begin the permit process.

President Hege asks for an update on financing the project and Mr. Stone notes that the status is always changing. MCMC's consultant is preparing to submit an application for USAC funds. Mr. Stone and Mr. McNeely will schedule a conference call with Mr. Lepper for a status update.

Port Build Update

Mr. McNeely informs the Board that they are still waiting on SHPO permits but believes they should have them in the next few weeks.

US Cellular 5G Applications - Continued

Mr. Stone asks Mr. McNeely about implementing 5G equipment and if QLife could own and operate it. Mr. McNeely notes that many cities are doing just that but the issue is the ownership of equipment across carriers because every carrier is using their own antennae.

Mr. Stone wonders if we could require carriers to install antennae in one enclosure which would be owned and operated by QLife but Mr. McNeely is unsure if we could legally create that requirement. Mr. McNeely will reach out to his contacts and gather more information.

Executive Session

The Board exits Executive Session at 1:04 PM.

The meeting is adjourned at 1:06 PM

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is set for Thursday, December 5, 2019.

These minutes were approved by the QLife Board on _____

12/5/19



Lee Weinstein, Secretary

Scott C. Hege, President