



QLife Board Meeting - April 24, 2025 Minutes

Wasco County
4/24/2025 12:00 PMPDT
@ 2345 River Rd, The Dalles, OR 97058

Attendance

Present:

Members: John Amery, Andrew Danies, Scott Hege, Greg Johnson, Matthew Klebes, Roger Kline, Liz Lance, Shayla Maki, Rod Runyon, Tyler Stone, Lee Weinstein, Nancy Werner

Guests: Alex Kelley (remote), Sue Powers

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion:

Motion to approve agenda as presented.

Motion moved by Scott Hege and motion seconded by Greg Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Consent Agenda

A. April 3, 2025 Minutes

 [Q-Life Board Meeting - April 3, 2025 Minutes.pdf](#)

Motion:

Motion to approve the Minutes from the April 3rd Board Meeting.

Motion moved by Greg Johnson and motion seconded by Roger Kline. Motion passed unanimously.

B. April 18, 2025 Minutes

 [Q-Life Special Board Meeting - April 18, 2025 Minutes.pdf](#)

Motion:

Motion to approve the Minutes from the April 3rd Board Meeting.

Motion moved by Greg Johnson and motion seconded by Roger Kline. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion:

Motion to approve the Minutes from the April 18th Special Board Meeting.

Motion moved by Greg Johnson and motion seconded by Roger Kline. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Discussion Items

A. Administration & Project Updates (Presenters: Liz Lance, John Amery)

- **BEAD Program:** Q-Life has progressed to the application phase of the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program. The full application is in development, with a submission deadline of May 22, 2025.
- **USDA Grant:** The Community Connect USDA grant project is moving forward. Funds have been released for the existing grant, and an additional application has been submitted to expand support.
- **MCEDD and Broadband Action Team (BAT):** Mr. Danies noted that MCEDD has continued supporting Q-Life's efforts. A bylaws meeting for the BAT is planned in June.

B. Aristo Technical Management Report (Presenters: John Amery)

- Mr. Amery described his focus to be currently on preparing grant applications.

V. Public Comment

This time is intended to invite any member of the public to provide an update on ongoing projects related to delivering broadband access in the region.

- No public comment was presented.

VI. Action Items (Presenters: Liz Lance, Nancy Werner)

- No Action items were presented in this section.

VII. Finance (Presenters: Shayla Maki)

A. March Financial Analysis

 [FY25 2025-03 March Financial Statement.pdf](#)

 [FY25 2025-03 March Financial Notes.pdf](#)

B. Budget Committee Appointments

Mr. Kline raised a question as to why a budget committee is required for Q-Life. Ms. Werner detailed that the IGA for Q-Life requires a budget committee.

Motion:

Motion to approve resolution 25-006, 25-007, 25-008, all budget committee appointments.

Motion moved by Scott Hege and motion seconded by Greg Johnson. Motion passed. Mr. Weinstein, Mr. Klebes, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Runyon, Mr. Hege and Mr. Stone voted for the appointments. Mr. Kline abstained.

VIII. Executive Session (Presenters: Nancy Werner, Liz Lance)

Executive Session ORS 192.660(2)(f) To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection. ORS 192.660(2)(g) To consider preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which the governing body is in competition with governing bodies in other states or nations. ORS 192.660(2)(i) To review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the Chief Executive Officer of any public body, a public officer, employee or staff member who does not request and open hearing. ORS 192.660(2)(n) To discuss information about review or approval of programs relating to the security of telecommunications systems.

Motion:

Motion to direct the Executive Director to apply for the BEAD grant program per board discussion.

Motion moved by Greg Johnson and motion seconded by Roger Kline. Motion passes unanimously.

IX. Discussion Topic

The meeting was adjourned at 3:03pm.