



Q-Life Board Meeting - June 26, 2025 Minutes

Wasco County

6/26/2025 12:00 AMPDT

@ 401 E 3rd St., The Dalles, OR 97058

Attendance

Present:

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

Guests: Phil Garrett (remote), Keith Mobley (remote), Sue Powers, Travis Stenhjem (remote), Chris Walker (remote)

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order 12:04 PM

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion:

Motion to approved the agenda as presented.

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

III. Consent Agenda

A. May 22, 2025 Minutes

 [Q-Life Board Meeting - May 22, 2025 Minutes.pdf](#)

 [Q-Life Budget Committee Meeting - May 22, 2025 Minutes.pdf](#)

Motion:

Motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion moved by Scott Hege and motion seconded by Roger Kline. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Discussion Items

A. Administration & Project Updates (Presenters: Liz Lance, Andrew Danies)

• **Business Update**

- Dr. Lance noted that projects are progressing well and the agency is prepared to close the current financial year as of June 30, 2025.

- **BEAD Update**

- NTIA now requires states to allow new applicants by June 30. No action is needed from Q-Life.
- Mr. Kline asked if Q-Life could support the Oregon Broadband Office's decision-making. President Weinstein and Dr. Lance indicated all parties are working from the same information.
- Mr. Amery noted that the rules changed without extending the timeline. Mr. Klebes discussed differences in BEAD implementation between Washington and Oregon.
- Mr. Hege questioned if Q-Life's goals align with BEAD's intention to serve all households. Mr. Johnson asked if wireless infrastructure qualifies. Mr. Hege responded that funding is limited, and non-fiber providers are promoting low-cost options.

- **USDA Grant Update**

- The grant is progressing well. Dr. Lance is managing reporting.

- **MCEDD/BAT Update**

- A meeting is planned in the coming weeks to review broadband infrastructure.
- Dr. Lance will present wireless service challenges to the Broadband Action Team.
- Mr. Kline requested information on tower ownership, locations, and height.

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

- Mr. Amery noted focused work on planning.

 [20250618 Aristo Technical Management Report.pdf](#)

C. 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 received.

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

- Adoption of FY26 Budget

 [FY26 Qlife Approved Budget Book.pdf](#)

 [FY26 Qlife Appropriation Resolution.pdf](#)

Motion:

Motion to adopt the resolution 25-09 and budget as presented.

Motion moved by Lee Weinstein and motion seconded by Scott Hege. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Finance (Presenters: Shayla Maki)

- Ms. Maki presented financials for May 2025 and received feedback on the new presentation of the financial results.

A. May Financial Analysis

Overview of financial position and seeking feedback on new Summary format.

 [Q-Life Financial Summary May 2025.pdf](#)

 [FY25 2025-05 May Financial Statement.pdf](#)

 [FY25 2025-05 May Financial Notes.docx](#)

VII. 5-Minute Break

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)(n) To discuss information about review or approval of programs relating to the security of telecommunications systems.

 [Executive Session Script f g n records trade and security of telecom systems.pdf](#)

IX. Adjournment

- Meeting Adjourned 1:21pm.