

FRONTIER TELENET
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JULY 20, 2018
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Frontier TeleNet Board of Directors Meeting called to order by Chairman, Judge Steve Shaffer at 10:10 AM. This meeting held in the Gilliam County Courthouse Courtroom, 221 S. Oregon Street, Condon, Oregon.

Directors Present: Judge Steve Shaffer, Judge Gary Thompson and Judge N. Lynn Morley.

Also Present: Ryan LeBlanc and Steve Wynne, Day Wireless Systems, Mac Stinchfield, Times Journal Newspaper, Kathryn Greiner, City of Condon, Mike Smith and Jeanne Burch, Frontier TeleNet Staff and Rob Myers, Frontier TeleNet Staff by telephone.

Directors Changes or Additions to Agenda: None

Minutes: Minutes of June 29, 2018 Frontier Board of Directors Meeting reviewed. Moved by Gary Thompson, seconded by Steve Shaffer to approve June 29, 2018 minutes as presented. Motion carried with all present voting aye.

Financials: Financial Statement for June, 2018 reviewed. Moved by Gary Thompson, seconded by Steve Shaffer to approve Frontier TeleNet June 2018 financial statement as presented. Motion carried with all present voting aye:

IT System: Ryan LeBlanc and Steve Wynne of Day Wireless System reported that the Wheeler County Broadband Project is finished and Rural Technology Group(RTG) needs to do their part to provide their internet customers with available high-speed capacity. RTG also needs to remove their equipment from the Frontier TeleNet towers. Moved by Lynn Morley, seconded by Gary Thompson to require Rural Technology Group to finish switching equipment and remove their equipment from Frontier TeleNet Black Butte, Keys Mountain and Kahler Basin sites by October 31, 2018. Motion carried with all present voting aye.

Working on the Keys-Ashwood Microwave Link. Rancheria and Keyes Mountain sites needed some repairs and were off line for a short time. Power Systems Northwest responded and had the generators repaired before the large Bonneville Power Outage. The generator at Slatt needs new batteries, and will be installed next week. Other generators need an inspection to see if updates are required.

A report was given on how well the Frontier TeleNet system worked during the Wasco/Sherman County Fire. All the towers worked perfectly. Erskine, the main site of the Frontier TeleNet System, had the fire come right up to it and worked perfectly during the fire. Gordon Ridge also had the fire go over the top. Each of these sites is gravel and weeds were not a problem.

Steve Wynne worked with the State Fire Marshal and helped them set up communication sites, including Haystack on the Washington side of the Columbia River. Ryan LeBlanc stated that this is the biggest fire in the nation and the Frontier TeleNet System worked perfectly through this large emergency. Ryan stated that it is so rewarding to see the years of planning for a major emergency paid off without problems of any kind. Lost power to all three counties during the Bonneville Power Outage and the generators worked perfectly. Mike Smith reported that an "After Action Meeting" will be held to learn if there were any issues with the emergency agencies regarding communication. Day Wireless has done an amazing job during this fire and responded to every possible emergency.

The Keys Mountain 700 Microwave License request has been approved.

Co-location with Oregon State Police on Keys Mountain mentioned again. Steve Wynn stated they started this five years ago and had not pursued the project so he thought it was not going to go through.

Business and Marketing Report:

Mike Smith reported on the following:

Attended radio group meetings regarding how the digital system works and how to communicate. Radio groups are pleased now that they understand. Steve Wynne has been working with the State to connect to the Boardman Police Department and obtain a license key. Boardman Ambulance and Arlington Ambulance would like to be able to communicate with mutual aid. There are several 700 radios in the Boardman area.

Working with Gorge Net on Sherman County Fiber Project. Appears to be number one on the list to be funded with Regional Strategy Money. The project will provide internet service to each home in the cities of Sherman County.

Negotiating with an ISP that would like to serve Wheeler County.

Working with a manufacturing company in Wheeler County that needs better service. Wheeler County Broadband has some funds for remote access in Wheeler County and this would be the perfect project.

Wasco Annex was discussed and the fiber access to the building.

A discussion of fiber access at Sherman County School.

Entering the conversation with another county to use the digital switch system.

Mike Smith commented on how impressive the Frontier TeleNet system was during the fire as lives depended on communication. Ryan LeBlanc stated that power was lost to every Frontier TeleNet site in all three counties and system worked flawlessly and was never down.

Attending a meeting with Frontier Regional 911 Board Chair about Wasco County using dispatch. This is a Frontier Regional 911 project but the technical part is the Frontier TeleNet System for wireless and fiber. Funding will be a consideration.

Letter from Sherry Kaseburg request to have read into the minutes. Legal Counsel has advised that since this has been published in other media that it is not necessary to read into the record but to attach it to the record.

Mike Smith stated that since this letter was regarding erate dollars it is necessary to be clear that all the erate dollars Frontier TeleNet have been properly awarded. Frontier TeleNet has complied with all the contracts for service. Frontier TeleNet has properly billed for every year of the contracts but the Federal Government is bad about paying. Frontier TeleNet has been diligent to work with legal counsel to be sure that we have followed all requirements. For the current erate application, July 16, 2018 was the end of the review period and July 20, 2018 is the five day period for comments. Frontier TeleNet has continued to provide service to the NCESD even though the period we are in right now has not been funded by the Government. All previous services have been fulfilled as contracted and appropriate billings were done by Frontier TeleNet.

Zayo billings discussed. The circuit was disconnected and Zayo tried to bill for a year to accomplish this disconnect. Frontier TeleNet has not signed a contract with Zayo and they cannot produce a valid contract. Frontier TeleNet Legal Counsel is communicating with Zayo.

Charter Communications: Circuit disconnected and paperwork has been completed. Still waiting to hear that all requirements have been met.

Working with Windwave on billing matters.

RFP Wasco to Rufus: Copy of RFP presented to each Director. Legal Counsel Ruben Cleaveland and Jim Deason working with Mike Smith on details. Mike requested that a special meeting might be needed so that RFP could be advertised. At this time it is not known if a special meeting will be needed. Steve Shaffer replied that a special meeting would be held if necessary.

Public Input-None

Next Meeting: August 17, 2018 at 1 PM at the Jeanne E. Burch Board in Fossil.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted: Jeanne E Burch, Frontier TeleNet Staff

Approved August 17, 2018: _____

Steve Shaffer, Frontier TeleNet Chairman

Letter to Frontier TeleNet Board of Directors

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Sherry Kaseberg

Yesterday, 12:23 PM

You; Steve Shaffer (steve.shaffer@co.gilliam.or.us); +9 more ✓

   Reply all | ✓

Inbox

8 July 2018

From: Sherry Kaseberg, 69384 Wheatacres Road, Wasco, Oregon 97065

To Board of Directors and Staff, Frontier TeleNet:
Gilliam County Judge Steve Shaffer, Chair
Sherman County Judge Gary Thompson
Wheeler County Judge Lynn Morley
Staff: Marketing Director Mike Smith
Staff: Jeanne Burch

cc: Commissioner Mike Weimar, Commissioner Leslie Wetherell, Commissioner Tom McCoy, Commissioner Joe Dabulskis, Commissioner Robert Ordway, Commissioner Debbie Starkey

Please read this letter into the record at your July 20, 2018, board meeting under public input/comment on the agenda, and reply during the meeting as part of the record.

The Times-Journal, July 5, 2018, reported that the Frontier TeleNet board members, during their June 29th meeting, "heard that no word has been received on the e-rate funds Frontier Telenet is anticipating."

Two years ago, June 2016, Frontier TeleNet's loss of the federal E-Rate dollars that follow internet service providers to schools and libraries, was a very big concern when the Sherman County School District contracted with another provider. It was such a big concern that a key player went to great lengths to retain E-Rate funds for Frontier TeleNet by interfering with the school district's decision.

Six months ago, December 2017, still a big concern, the \$900,000 anticipated or owed E-Rate dollars were reported in the \$10,000 assessment made of Frontier TeleNet's operations and management.

It's time for Frontier TeleNet to get a grip on the money. Is it owed or is it not? Either way, why?

Who at Frontier TeleNet is charged with securing E-Rate dollars?
Who will take responsibility to confirm that Frontier TeleNet is owed \$900,000 or more?

When?

Thank you.

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Rob Meyers	ETN (by phone)	
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Steve Wynne	Day Wireless	