

FRONTIER TELENET
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 17, 2018

The regular meeting of the Frontier TeleNet Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Steve Shaffer at 1:00 P.M. This meeting held in the Conference Room of the Jeanne E. Burch Building, 401 Fourth Street, Fossil, Oregon.

Directors Present: Judge Steve Shaffer and Judge N. Lynn Morley

Also Attending: Steve Wynn and Ryan LeBlanc, Day Wireless, Melanie Sperry, City of Fossil, Carol MacInnes, Mayor, City of Fossil, Lori Anderson, Columbia Basin Electric, Kathryn Greiner, City of Condon, Mac Stinchfield, Times Journal Newspaper, Debbie Starkey, Wheeler County Commissioner, Barbara Jacobi, and Roberta Vandehey, Wheeler County Residents. Mike Smith and Rob Myers, Frontier TeleNet Administrative Service Provider.

Steve Shaffer declared that a quorum of Board of Directors present.

Minutes: July 20, 2018 Frontier TeleNet Board of Directors meeting reviewed. Moved by Lynn Morley, seconded by Steve Shaffer that Board of Directors Minutes of July 20, 2018 be approved as presented. Motion carried with all present voting aye.

Financial: Financial Statement for July 2018 reviewed. Moved by Lynn Morley, seconded by Steve Shaffer to approve July Financial Statement as presented. Motion carried with all present voting aye.

IT Report: Ryan LeBlanc reported that the Kent Elevator was offline. Day Wireless focus was on solving power problems and new generator installed. Still working with RTG on conversion in Wheeler County to the new system. RTG is testing system with their equipment and working in Mitchell area. There is an October deadline for RTG to complete conversion. Mike Smith pointed out that Frontier TeleNet is the wholesale “backhaul provider responsible for the network connecting Gilliam Sherman and Wheeler Counties to the internet hub in Portland and will not be giving RTG permission to control the routers and other equipment

used for that purpose. Frontier's network is designed to enable more than one company to provide Retail Internet Service and cannot allow one company to control the backhaul routers and equipment.

Carol MacInnes, Mayor of Fossil, along with Melanie Sperry, City of Fossil Counselor, expressed strong concern about the poor internet service being provided in Fossil. She stated that when the City called the provider they told them to go to the school and tell them they were using too much bandwidth. Mayor MacInnes stated that this is a serious condition for public as well as private consumers of the local internet. Mike Smith stated that Frontier TeleNet provides the wholesale internet access to local ISP Providers and do not control what is available to the individual customers. Mike Smith is talking to another ISP about providing service in Fossil. If this does work out there will be choices for the individual consumers of the internet and these companies will have to improve their service to keep the customers. Carol MacInnes stated that CenturyTel is no longer a choice in Fossil.

Barbara Jacobi of Mitchell asked if Frontier TeleNet provides the equipment as RTG tells them that they need to install equipment. Mike Smith stated that RTG does not install anything on the Frontier TeleNet tower sites.

Steve Wynn stated that it is easy to recruit an ISP Provider to consider coming to an area but when it comes time to hook up they must make a business case and quite often there are not enough customers to make it profitable, so they do not come. Steve Shaffer reported that there is the same problem in the Lone Rock area in Gilliam County.

Roberta Vandehey inquired if the fees from another provider would be the same. Mike Smith stated that they usually are.

Another question asked was would a new ISP Provider supply equipment? Mike Smith reported that the new ISP would have to provide equipment.

Steve Wynn reported that the equipment for Public Safety and Emergency Services had been upgraded and available.

Business and Marketing Report:

Mike Smith reported the following:

Gorge Net/Sherman Fiber: Currently in the contracting phase. Each city will pay a portion of the cost as well as Sherman County to bring service to each home in the Sherman County Cities.

Wildfires: Not one failure during the recent fires and power outage.

Grey Guns: Fixed a connection problem in Spray area. The problem was the antenna not installed properly by the provider.

Windwave: Mike Smith and Jeanne Burch met with Windwave at Boardman. Went over all the billings and able to cut the price. It was recommended that this needs to be reviewed every two years.

Inland Development Master Service Agreement: This agreement is being reviewed by legal counsel.

Generator Service: Quote for Generator Service was received and approved by Mike Smith under his Board Authorization to approve expenses up to \$5,000.00.

Erskine Site: Erskine was protected during the recent fires. It was noted the site needs to be cleaned.

Sherman RFP. Legal Counsel has this RFP and is reviewing.

John Day Wireless: Grant County ESD and Blue Mountain Cable would like more bandwidth. Need a quote from Day Wireless to upgrade.

Wasco 911: Wasco County is in discussion with Frontier Regional 911 to take over Wasco County dispatch.

Next Meeting: There will not be a Frontier TeleNet Meeting in September. Board will meet again in October in coordination with the Frontier Regional 911 Board Meeting. Mike will coordinate this meeting and let everyone know the date and time.

Other items: None

Public Input:

Kathryn Greiner asked about the RFP mentioned in Mike Smith's report: "Is this from Wasco to Rufus?" The answer was yes. Also asked where Frontier TeleNet is on Cottonwood Project. Mike reported that the \$375,000.00 allocated to the

project has been partially spent and a better site that has power and an access road nearby is the location of the tower. Motorola has provided the equipment, which is built, and there is enough money to finish the project. Still waiting for the NEPA Study to finish. This tower can also provide cell service.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:02 PM.

These minutes transcribed by Jeanne E. Burch, Frontier Telenet Administrative Services Provider, from a recording of the meeting provided by Mike Smith.