

CHARLEMONT BROADBAND COMMITTEE

ATTENDING: Bob Handsaker, Mary Ellen Banks, Lora Fulton, Ken Hall, Cheryl Handsaker

MISSING: Doug White, Trevor Mackie

1. Approve Meeting Notes from 3/7/2023

- a. ACTION TAKEN: Motion by Lora, seconded by Ken. Lora: yes, Ken: yes, Cheryl: yes, Mary Ellen: yes, Bob - yes

2. Operations

- a. Long-term contract review
 - i. Changes for review, added the addition of a CAF II clause.
 - ii. MOTION: To recommend Charlemont enter into a five year agreement for ISP/ NO agreement with WCF as emended with CAF II performance clause.
 - 1. Motion by Cheryl, seconded by Lora. Lora: yes, Ken: yes, Cheryl: yes, Mary Ellen: yes, Bob - yes
- b. Northern Ring Resiliency Design
 - i. There is a current cost on the table of \$425/ month to participate in the MBI backhaul.
 - ii. Charlemont to proceed with a not to exceed monthly cost of \$425/ month cost under the terms discussed with Whip City Fiber with a signed agreement by the end of the fiscal year.
 - iii. MOTION: To recommend Charlemont enter into an agreement to proceed with the requirements that (a) the monthly cost will not exceed \$425/ month (b) service will be delivered under the terms discussed with Whip City Fiber and (c) a signed agreement will be put in place by June 30, 2023.
 - 1. Motion by Mary Ellen, seconded by Ken. Lora: yes, Ken: yes, Cheryl: yes, Mary Ellen: yes, Bob - yes
- c. Storm retrospective
 - i. Network held up really well,
 - ii. MEMA might be able to help us with repair costs.
 - iii. Initially, Charlemont MLP was not getting proactive reports.
 - iv. We should get the word out that if you are without internet but the power is on, please report this to WCF.
- d. Budget and Financing
 - i. It's very important that we get 15 year financing on the network, which allows for maintaining an affordable offering.
 - ii. Finance Committee will recommend our budget.
 - iii. We received a \$20,000 credit for materials leftover from our construction.
 - iv. Follow up with the insurance company about possible claim, if needed.

e. Plume box policies?

i. No update.

3. Any other business not reasonably foreseen 48 hours in advance of the meeting

a. No update on the MBI grant.

b. West Hawley Rd residence is now taking service!

Next meeting, April 11 @ 6:30 PM

Meeting adjourned, 8:05 PM