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STN BOARD MEETING July 12, 2012 Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Mark Alger; Dave Hopkins; Judy McIntosh; Mark Middaugh; Timothy O'Hearn; Mark Rogus; Marcia Weber; Howard Zingler

Alternate Board Members: Michael Krusen; Jack Wheeler

Excused: Michael Printup; Thomas Santulli

CEO: Steve Manning

Guests: Brian Ketchum, Empire Telephone; Joe Starks, ECC Technologies; Jim Townsend, Legal Counsel; Marcelle Van Patten, ECC Technologies; Dan Wilhelm, STC

Chair Marcia Weber called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM in the STC Conference Room.

Joe Starks introduced Marcelle Van Patten, ECC's customer advocate. She described her previous experience at telecommunications companies and her role at ECC.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion duly made (Tim O'Hearn/Mark Rogus) and carried, the minutes of the June 14, 2012 meeting were approved.

2. UPDATE AND FINANCIAL PLAN FOR PARTNERING

Joe Starks and Brian Ketchum of Empire Telephone will be meeting later today and will bring an update to the next meeting.

3. INDEPENDENT COUNSEL REVIEW OF FLRTDC AND STN AGREEMENT

The board discussed the review performed by Nixon-Peabody, independent legal counsel, on the draft agreement between FLRTDC and STN. The review raised questions that a sub-committee consisting of Howard Zingler, Steve Manning, Joe Starks, and Jim Townsend will meet to discuss. Steve will provide an electronic update to the Board prior to the September board meeting.

The board discussed which contracts require board approval. The Governance Committee will make suggestions regarding a contract review policy.

4. CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATION (CFA) SUBMITTAL TO SOUTHERN TIER REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

STN submitted an application to the Southern Tier Regional Economic Development Council to extend the STN network an additional 95 miles to Tioga and Broome Counties. Broome County will commit an amount to be determined for sustainability of the project in the first three years. The earliest possible start date for construction of the extension would be January 2013, with completion by the end of 2014.

5. PROJECT REPORT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion duly made (Tim O'Hearn/Mark Alger) and carried, the meeting went into executive session for the purpose of discussing contractual and client-related information.

Upon a motion duly made (Mark Alger/Mark Middaugh) and carried, the regular board meeting resumed.

No action was taken in the executive session.

6. ARTICLE REVIEW – RELATED TO STN RESTORATION OF SERVICES PLAN

Steve Manning sent an article to the board regarding electrical and network outages that occur in the aftermath of violent storms or accidents. Joe said that the STN network will have 24 hour monitoring 7 days a week. A help desk function will be in place as the network becomes operational. Joe said that STN could have active monitoring devices installed on the ring that, if necessary, would identify where a break occurred. Another suggestion was a 1-800 number for the customers' use.

7. NEXT MEETING – the August meeting will be cancelled. The next meeting will be September 13, 2012.

8. OTHER – Marcia received a call from the NYS Broadband Office, which wants to put an article about STN in their newsletter. They are also presenting a report to the Governor's Office and want to include information about STN. Joe and Marcia provided information to them. Board members requested that the article be sent to them.

9. ADJOURN – on a motion duly made (Howard Zingler/Judy McIntosh) and carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Cratsley, Recording Secretary