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**Southern Tier Network, Inc.**  
**June 8, 2017**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Board Members:** Robert Lawton Judy McIntosh; Tim O’Hearn; Michael Printup; Jim Osborn; Marcia Weber; Steve Wilber; Howard Zingler

**Excused:** Alan Eusden; Carl Hayden; Dave Hopkins; Mark Rogus; Jack Wheeler

**CEO:** Steven Manning

**Guests:** Jeff Gasper - ECC Technologies  
Joe Starks – ECC Technologies

**CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM by chair Marcia Weber in the STC conference room.

1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – On a motion duly made (O’Hearn/Printup) and carried the minutes of the May 11, 2017 meeting were approved.
2. **FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT**
  - a) **Discuss Identification of Performance Indices** – in addressing the 2016 Audit report, the audit committee is investigating Key Performance Indices to effect more timely and targeted communication with contractors.
3. **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**
  - a) **Recommendation for Public Safety Governance Funds** – the Public Safety Governance Committee proposed to the STN governance committee that approximately \$9k of PSGC funds be used to pay for a connection to a new tower installed in Schuyler County. The STN governance committee is recommending board approval for this use. On a motion duly made (O’Hearn/Wilber) and carried, the STN board approved the STN governance committee’s recommendation.
  - b) **Operations Agreement Update (ECC)** – STN legal counsel is reviewing the Operations Agreement and will make appropriate modifications for review/consideration.
4. **STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE**
  - a) **Discussion and Update on Rural Focus** – STN is looking at options on how to address the unserved and underserved areas. A community meeting was held in Schuyler County at which information was shared with interested citizens.
  - b) **Presentation** – Jeff Gasper of ECC presented to the board new technology that is being developed to provide wireless internet service. This technology could be considered for a pilot project deployed in unserved areas. More information relating to broadband

services to the underserved/unserved areas in the region is being gathered for reporting at the July meeting.

- d) **Discussion on Business Focus “Innovation Corridor” Presentation** – Joe Starks presented to the board the aspects of a Southern Tier Innovation Corridor and how it would benefit the area. The next step will be to have a discussion with the Regional Councils and proceed from there.
- e) **Next Meeting, June 21, 2017 at 9:30 AM in the STC Conference Room** – the strategic planning committee will meet on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

- 5. **ECC REPORT** – on a motion duly made (O’Hearn/Zingler) and carried, the board went into **executive session** for the purpose of discussing contractual and customer-specific information.
  - a) Marketing / Sales Report
  - b) Project Report on STNe

On a motion duly made (McIntosh/Osborn) and carried, the Board came out of **executive session** with **no action** being taken.

**MOTION:** On a motion duly made (Zingler/O’Hearn) and carried, a stop work order will be issued on July 31, 2017 if an extension/waiver is not put in place by ESD for the STNe project build.

- 6. **OTHER**
  - a) **Next Board Meeting:** the next meeting will be July 13, 2017.
- 7. **ADJOURN** – on a motion duly made (Osborn/Printup) and carried, the meeting adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Cratsley  
Recording Secretary