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**Southern Tier Network, Inc.  
January 11, 2018  
Meeting Minutes**

**ATTENDANCE**

Board Members: Alan Eusden (telephonic); Robert Lawton (telephonic); Judy McIntosh; Tim O'Hearn; Jim Osborn; Marcia Weber; Howard Zingler

Excused: Carl Hayden; Dave Hopkins; Mark Rogus; Jack Wheeler; Steve Wilber

CEO: Steven Manning

Accountant/Fiscal Officer: Tony Marzolino

Guests: Joe Starks and Andy Lukasiewicz - 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/Osborn) and carried, the minutes of the December 14, 2017 meeting were approved.
2. **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**
  - a) **Board Membership Vacancy** - board members suggested several names for membership on the board. The board chair distributed the nomination form and asked that candidate nominations be submitted via the form.
  - b) **Board Recognition Dinner** - the board recognition dinner will be on January 23, 2018 at the Radisson in Corning at 5:30 PM.
  - c) **Board Evaluation** - the governance committee has reviewed and discussed the annual "Evaluation of Board Performance" summary results comparing the 2016 and 2017 fiscal years. The committee recommends that the board review and discuss the comparison at the February board meeting.
  - d) **STC Service Agreement between STC and STN** - The board chair presented the STC 2018 annual Service Agreement for services to STN. On a motion duly made (Zingler/Osborn) and carried, with Marcia Weber abstaining, the 2018 agreement was approved.
3. **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT** - the auditors met with the Audit Committee in December to highlight the 2017 audit process and timeline. Preliminary work has started.
4. **ECC REPORT** - on a motion duly made (Zingler/Osborn) and carried, the board went into **executive session** for the purpose of discussing contractual and customer-specific information.
  - a) **Marketing/Sales Report**
  - b) **Project Status Report on the STNe Punch List**

- c) **County BAAT (Crowd Fiber) Campaign Update**
- d) **On-Net / Lit Service Discussion**

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

5. **OTHER**

- a) **Update on Dundee Community Outreach Committee** – this Committee has been organized by Superintendent of Schools, Dundee Central School District, Ms. Kelly Houck. The Outreach Committee is developing a USDA RUS grant for broadband internet services to the unserved/underserved areas within the county school districts boundary. The committee has approached STN to consider being the lead agency for the grant. The application is slated to be released in March 2018. More definition and clarity is required before STN can commit.
- b) **Municipal Broadband Projects – State of Colorado** – Steve provided web links to municipalities in Colorado that have addressed broadband buildouts and high speed internet services. Steve will be conversing with representatives from these municipalities to gather information. If directors want more information or have questions they want Steve to address, they should email them to him.
- c) **Next Board Meeting:** the next meeting (Annual Meeting) will be February 8, 2018.

6. **ADJOURN** – on a motion duly made (Zingler/Osborn) and carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Cratsley  
Recording Secretary