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Keith Perry, Carilion
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DRAFT MINUTES

The January Board Meeting of the Roanoke Valley Broadband Authority was held virtually on January 21, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. A video recording of the meeting is available.

CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

Chairman McEvoy called the meeting to order at 8: 31 a.m. and welcomed those in attendance. Mr. Sam Darby stated the reason for a virtual Board meeting, as it was declared a State of Emergency by the State of Virginia Governor. Chairman McEvoy stated that all who were virtual needed to state their location during this virtual meeting. Tywanii Ross, Secretary to the Roanoke Valley Broadband Authority, called the roll and reported that a quorum was present.

Roanoke Valley Broadband Authority Board Members: Present: Mr. Mike McEvoy, Citizen; Mr. Bob Cowell, City of Roanoke; Mr. Dan O'Donnell, Roanoke County; Mr. Jay Taliaferro, City of Salem; Dr. Midkiff, Virginia Tech; and Mr. Keith Perry, Carilion Clinic (joined @ 8:50 a.m.)
Absent: Mr. Gary Larrowe, Botetourt.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Broadband Authority Management: Mr. Frank Smith, Jim Bandy, Barry Stacy, Olivia Dooley, Tywanii Ross

Others: Mr. Sam Darby, Glenn Feldmann, Darby & Goodlatte; Ms. Jill Loope, Roanoke County, Mr. Richard Caywood, Roanoke County, Mr. Jeff Crowder, Virginia Tech.

Approval of Minutes

The Approval of the November 19, 2021 minutes was presented by Chairman McEvoy, motion to approve was given by Dr. Midkiff, Virginia Tech, and seconded by Mr. Dan O'Donnell, Roanoke County. Roll Called 5-2 . Mr. Keith Perry, Carilion Clinic (joined @ 8:50 a.m.) Mr. Gary Larrowe, Botetourt County- absent.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Frank Smith, President & CEO RVBA gave the over view of the November and December 2021 Financial Reports, making mention that the Audit Report will be given in March 2022. RVBA revenue is lagging this year due to supply chain and the resulting project delays. The RVBA is working towards finishing the year based on the projected targets. The RVBA has adequate reserves and cash on hand. The motion to select Robinson, Farmer & Cox for the next 3 years was made by Mr. Jay Taliaferro, City of Salem and seconded by Mr. Bob Cowell, City of Roanoke. Roll called 5- 2. Mr. Keith Perry, Carilion Clinic (joined @ 8:50 a.m.) Mr. Gary Larowe, Botetourt County- absent.

Project Updates

Recognition was made for Olivia Dooley for her dedicated service of 6 years, as she will be retiring at the end of January 2022. Olivia Dooley stated it was "great times" working for the RVBA. Chairman McEvoy also stated his thanks for her work and for the employees of WVWA.

Mr. Frank Smith shared an update with the Board as follows: Virginia Tech is in the process of becoming a customer of the RVBA. More details will follow as the project is finalized. The assignment of a back haul agreement with Briscnet will be discussed in a meeting with a new service provider partner that services the region. PFM, public finance firm is working with RVBA on how to approach larger project funding support. RVBA did not receive any VATI funding, DHCD is under fire for not following their own guidelines. A formal complaint has been filed with DHCD with copies sent to the Virginia AG and IG offices. The formal complaint letter is available to anyone who would like to review it.

Other Business

Next Board on March 18, 2022 @ 8:30 a.m. Chairman McEvoy thanked Mr. Dan O'Donnell for his time served on the Board and congratulated him on his retirement. Mr. Dan O'Donnell thanked everyone for their hard work and stated he enjoyed his tenure on the board.

Closed Session

Motion for Closed session by Mr. Bob Cowell, City of Roanoke, and seconded by Mr. Dan O'Donnell, Roanoke County. Roll called 6-1, Mr. Gary Larowe, Botetourt County – absent. It was determined that the matter of discussion regarding locality funding was better addressed in an Open Session. A motion was made to reconvene to an Open Session and discuss a funding proposal concept for localities. No resolution was needed to certify the Closed Session because of its cancellation.

End Closed Meeting

Motion made Mr. Dan O'Donnell, Roanoke County, Seconded by Mr. Bob Cowell, City of Roanoke.

Reconvene Regular Session

Discussions will be executed with locality leadership on future funding strategies.

Adjournment

No other business to discuss. Motion made by Mr. Dan O' Donnell , and Seconded by Mr. Bob Cowell, City of Roanoke. Roll called by Secretary Ms.Tywanii Ross, 6-1, Mr. Gary Larrowe, Botetourt County – absent. Meeting adjourned @ 9:37 a.m.

Submitted by Tywanii Ross
RVBA Secretary