

GRANT COUNTY DIGITAL NETWORK COALITION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

February 5, 2019

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Josh Walker, Seneca
Dan Becker, Grant County
Brandon Smith, John Day
Nathan McFarland, At-large

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Denise Porter, At-large

STAFF PRESENT

Nicholas Green, Executive Director

GUESTS PRESENT

None

Agenda Item No. 1—Open and Note Attendance

Chair Walker opened the meeting of the Grant County Digital board of directors at 12:00 P.M. He noted Denise Porter was absent and excused.

Agenda Item No. 2—Approval of Minutes

No minutes presented for approval.

Agenda Item No. 3—Appearance of Interested Citizens

None appearing.

Agenda Item No. 4—Notice of Intent to Award – 911/ESD Lateral

Director Green reviewed the bids received from the board's RFP for the 911/ESD Lateral. He explained we received seven bids. Bids ranged in price from \$33,333.28 to \$81,931. Green stated the policy of the State of Oregon is that contracting agencies shall make every effort to construct public improvements at the least cost to the contracting agency (ORS 279C.305). The low-cost bidder was Blue Mountain Telecom out of Walla Walla, WA. They also had the fastest proposed timeline at 3-4 weeks. Green said they have done extensive work in this region and he reviewed the bids with Commstructure.

The motion from the board after discussing the bids will be to issue a notice of intent to award and enter negotiations with Blue Mountain Telecommunications.

Agenda Item No.9—Other Business and Upcoming Meetings

Board discussed proposed agenda topics for the February 19 board meeting, including the teaming and approach for the USDA Community Connect Grant and the ReConnect grant.. He said he would add those items to the upcoming agenda. Green also stated he had met with Garrin Bott from Ortelco and was in discussions with Tre Hendricks at CenturyLink and that he had a meeting planned for February 15 with Steve Corbato and he would discuss the proposed teaming relationships with those organizations at the meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the board, Mr. Becker moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 P.M. Mr. Smith seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Nicholas Green

ACCEPTED BY THE BOARD ON FEBRUARY 19, 2019.



By: Josh Walker, Chair