

Telecommunications Committee Meeting – April 16, 2018

Posted April 13, 2017 at 4 p.m. at the Town of Russell Garage, Town Clerk's Office and Town website. Notices sent via e-mail to the Ashland Daily Press.

The meeting was called to order by Town of Russell Committee Chairman Mark Bugher, Town of Russell Supervisor at 8:03 a.m. at the Town of Russell Garage. Roll call was taken as follows; present Committee Chairman and Town Supervisor Mark Bugher via telephone speaker phone, Town of Russell Supervisor Larry Meierotto and Town of Russell committee member Mike Cariveau. Clerk/Treasurer David L. Good was also present.

No members of the public were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

Approval of the agenda – A motion was made by Meierotto and seconded by Cariveau to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried.

Approval of the minutes – A motion was made by Meierotto and seconded by Cariveau to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2017 meeting of the committee. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on PSC WI Grant Awards – Cariveau provided the following updates:

1. Town of Russell/Town of Bayfield/Bayfield County/Way Point Grant request for \$144,257 approved as requested.
2. Norvado/Red Cliff Tribe/Way Point Grant request for \$245,000 approved as requested.
3. CenturyLink Grant to service Happy Hollow not approved.

It was noted that all of these grants are in the 10 day approval review period. We don't anticipate and changes at this time.

Discuss Impacts of Tribe Grant Award and CenturyLink Buildout Under CAF II Funds – Discussion was held as follows:

- A. These are supportive and necessary to successfully accomplish the Town Grant Award listed as 1. above.
- B. Grant projects 1. and 2. above are integrated together and will be run by Bayfield Wireless as one entity.
- C. Cariveau is meeting with Tribal Chair Rick Peterson to clarify and discuss potential issues regarding this project.
- D. Bugher, a member of the Tribal Business Board, will attempt to bring this matter before that Board which will be meeting later this month.

Discuss Next Steps for Town Grant Award Project – Cariveau outlined the following:

- a. MOU's with County and Towns need to be formalized in binding agreements.
- b. Town of Russell is committed for a cash contribution of \$5,000.
- c. Way Point will create a DBA of Bayfield Wireless as the public entity for the service.
- d. Grant administrator with PSC WI is Way Point.
- e. The Town may need to grant ROW access for an additional pole and equipment location in the vicinity of State Highway 13/Turner & Peterson Hill Roads intersection.

- f. Bayfield County binding agreement may be the most complicated to obtain. It was agreed that the Town will have a representative attend any County meetings to communicate our concerns and needs for there continued participation. County Board representatives George Newago and Tom Gordon will be informed of our needs.

Discuss 2019 PSC WI Broadband Grant Cycle – This item was not discussed.

NEXT STEPS – The committee agreed to pursue matters as discussed above.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

NEXT MEETING – A meeting will be scheduled when additional information and the need arises.

A motion to adjourn at 8:53 a.m. was made by Cariveau and seconded by Meierotto. The motion carried.

The minutes respectfully submitted by:

David L. Good – Clerk/Treasurer

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