

# Town of Russell

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## **TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**8:00 a.m. – Monday, April 16, 2018**

**Town Garage - 35900 State Highway 13**

Any person wishing to attend who, because of a disability, requires special accommodations, should contact the Town Clerk at 715 779-5338, at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting time, so appropriate arrangements can be made.

1. Call to order and roll call.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of the agenda.
4. Approval of the minutes of the November 15, 2017 Telecommunications Committee meeting\*\*\*\*.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

5. Update PSC WI Grant Award.
6. Discuss impacts of Tribe Grant Award and CenturyLink buildout.
7. Discuss next steps for Town of Russell Grant Award Project.
8. Discuss 2019 PSC WI Broadband Grant Cycle and possible actions to participate.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

9. Items for next meeting.
10. Next meeting date, time and location.
11. Adjourn.

The Committee reserves the right to take action on any agenda item. \*\*\*\* indicates items attached. A quorum of the Town Board may be present but no Town Board business will be conducted.

Posted April 16, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Dave Good–Clerk/Treasurer

**Telecommunications Committee Meeting – November 15, 2017**

Posted November 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 8:00 a.m. at the Town of Russell Garage. Roll call was taken as follows; present 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 Cariveau and seconded by Meierotto to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT – None.

Approval of the minutes – A motion was made by Meierotto and seconded by Cariveau to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2017 meeting of the committee. The motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Update on communications with CenturyLink – Bugher outlined discussion held with CenturyLink, Chief of Engineering, Monty Parker. Construction is planned for spring 2018 which consists of fiber on Old County K using CAF2 funds and apply for a grant from the PSCW to extend fiber from east end of Old County K down State Highway 13 to Happy Hollow Road and then south to south Pratt Road. They asked that the Town act on R-O-W requests on the Town of Russell sections also so as they are received and to support the PSCW grant to extend fiber to south Pratt Road. Discussion followed. The plan is to go to the intersection of Blueberry and Raspberry Road via east Old County K. Discussion followed about possible plans to extend to Little Sand Bay. Discussion followed about issues pertaining to R-O-W access on Tribal Roads and Tribal lands. CenturyLink is pursuing fiber to the home (100 megs) with this fiber extension. Discussion followed about confusion regarding exactly what type of broadband system CenturyLink is installing. The CenturyLink fiber is planned to extend the entire Old County K loop. Discussion followed about what CenturyLink is not doing and what the Town of Russell needs to continue to pursue for broadband, cellular and emergency services. CenturyLink has requested the Town assist with working with the Tribe on these projects. Bugher suggested Cariveau contact Parker for additional technical information on this project. CenturyLink will be serving the Town of Bayfield Business Park with fiber. Everyone had concerns regarding CenturyLink following through with their plans since they have not always done what they said they would do in the past.

Update on communications with Norvado – A brief discussion followed about what role Norvado will play in any of this.

Update on communications with Red Cliff Tribe – Cariveau will be updating and discussing CenturyLink plans with the Tribe later on this day. Cariveau explained recent discussion with the Tribe on their plans and the role Norvado will take. Confusion remains on what all of the participants are planning to do and whom is cooperating with whom. If the Tribe is operating their own telecom, who and how will this be

occurring. The Tribe believes their Business Development Board needs own and operate this operation. Discussion followed.

Discussion regarding Way Point Experts – Cariveau proposed a wireless solution utilizing several small towers to provide a wireless solution. A potential partnership with the Town, Tribe and Norvado could be pursued if CenturyLink did not expend per their plans or if this could work in conjunction with CenturyLink.

NEXT STEPS – The committee agreed to continue to pursue all options since we still do not know exactly what will be done or not done by the various parties.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

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

A motion to adjourn at 9:28 a.m. was made by Meierotto and seconded by Cariveau. The motion carried.

The minutes respectfully submitted by:

David L. Good – Clerk/Treasurer