

Grant County Digital Network Coalition
Tuesday, May 19, 2020
7:00 PM
Virtual Meeting

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- 1. OPEN AND ROLL CALL**
- 2. APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MINUTES**
- 3. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS** – Chair Walker will welcome the public and ask if there is anything they would like to add to tonight's agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 4. NONE**
 - None

ACTION ITEMS

- 5. RECONNECT GRANT SERVICE AGREEMENT**

Attachments:

 - None

OTHER BUSINESS & UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 6. OTHER BUSINESS & UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Attachments:

 - None

TO: Grant County Digital Network Coalition

FROM: Nicholas Green, Executive Director

DATE: May 19, 2020

SUBJECT: Consent Agenda Item #4: None
Attachment(s)
• None

BACKGROUND

No items on the consent agenda.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

N/A

Consent Agenda. None.

Recommendation: None.

TO: Grant County Digital Network Coalition

FROM: Nicholas Green, Executive Director

DATE: May 19, 2020

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #5: ReConnect Grant Service Agreement Attachment(s)

- None

BACKGROUND

I will discuss the proposed terms for the ReConnect service agreement.

DISCUSSION

Garrin Bott and I discussed parameters for the ReConnect agreement. Still some terms to work out, but here is where we landed in principle.

1. OTC will own the network they construct under ReConnect. We will have access to the network under a customer agreement for 20 years.
2. We will provide \$1 million toward the capital cost of the network build. In exchange, we will receive 1 gbps service to a PoP in Long Creek, Monument, Seneca and Fall Mountain for 10 years.
3. From year 11-20, we will be able to purchase access at OTC's cost at whatever level of service we require (1 gbps or higher). They will not mark up the cost of service – we'll pay their rate, plus a modest O&M fee to be negotiated.
4. They will co-locate at the John Day Fire Hall at our co-lo facility there so that in the future we could piggy back on their network, or vice versa, for transport or lit service.

I confirmed with John Holman at USDA that we cannot do an IRU under ReConnect. They want to make sure there's only one responsible entity for the project. However, after year 5 or project completion, USDA really doesn't care what we do with the network, so its possible we could do something like that down the road. After talking it over with Robert and Garrin though, I think this is a pretty equitable arrangement. We get the access and bandwidth we need where we need it and we don't have to pay for or manage the optronics for 20 years. We'll let the next generation worry about that.

There are other terms and a lot of details we'll need to discuss and work out, but these are the high points for you to consider prior to our board meeting.

Another thought, unrelated to ReConnect but something the smaller cities may want to consider, if they do not have a franchise agreement in place with OTC, we could consider having Grant County Digital offer to do the franchise agreement and collect the revenue from future local distribution. That would give our board a modest source of revenue to cover pole attachments and other ongoing fees in exchange for the broadband access we are providing. However, we could also defer that to those communities and they would be responsible for contracting with OTC for their own services. Grant County Digital is facilitating the network build-out but we are not set up to provide service to these communities. ESD could offer that if they chose to through the school's network, however.

NEXT STEPS

We will continue to coordinate with OTC and bring a revised agreement to the board at the next meeting.

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SUBJECT: Agenda Item #6: Other Business and Upcoming Meetings
Attachment(s)

- None

OTHER BUSINESS

- None

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- June 16 – Board Meeting, 6 P.M. @ Fire Hall