



**Minutes of the
QCIC NET Governing Board
August 19, 2013, 10:00 a.m.
Bi-State Regional Commission**

QCIC NET Board Members Present

Tim Bain (alternate for Thomas Thomas)	City of Rock Island
Ralph Beswick	Rock Island ETSB
Dee Bruemmer	Scott County
Dave Donovan (interim)	SECC
Matt Hirst	Scott County
Craig Malin	City of Davenport
Victor Moreno	City of East Moline
Steve Seiver (chair)	Village of Milan
Wayne Sharer	City of Rock Island
Lew Steinbrecher	City of Moline

Others Present

Mark Hunt	Bi-State Regional Commission
Denise Bulat	Bi-State Regional Commission
Ron Perkins	City of Davenport

I. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:05a.m. Introductions were conducted. Mr. Seiver noted that Dave Donovan was the Interim SECC Director and would fill the QCIC NET Governing Board position vacated by Brian Hitchcock, until further notice.

II. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hirst requested the minutes be changed to reflect his attendance at the April 19th meeting. Mr. Malin motioned the minutes be approved as discussed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sharer. The motion passed with nine "Ayes" and one member not voting (Bain).

III. Status of Public Private Partnerships

PEG BANDWIDTH PROPOSAL

Mr. Hunt reported that the QCIC NET Technical Committee had met immediately prior to the this meeting and recommended approval of PEG Bandwidth's proposed partnership with QCIC NET. Mr. Sevier provided additional detail on the PEG Band width proposal.

It was explained that PEG Bandwidth is primarily a backhaul carrier for wireless phone companies. PEG's current goal is to provide fiber connectivity from Alexis, Illinois to the a Sprint location in Davenport and from there on to Dubuque. PEG's preferred route across the Quad Cities was to travel north into Milan along Highway 67 using their own newly built fiber. To save cost and construction delays the company was seeking an existing route through the Quad Cities. Through individual meetings with Davenport, Rock Island and Milan staff, PEG developed a proposal that would use portions of municipal fiber and portions of excess QCIC NET Fiber. The details of the route and proposal were provided by Mr. Seiver, Mr. Bain, and Mr. Perkins. Route maps were provided by Mr. Seiver and Mr. Hunt.

- PEG proposed and has built a 144 count fiber line into Milan along Highway 67 to the Milan Municipal Building (roughly a two miles).
- PEG Bandwidth will transfer ownership to Milan the newly built 144 count fiber line.
- In return Milan will provide PEG Bandwidth access to 72 strands of fiber in this line through a long term Indefeasible Right of Use (IRU) contract.
- Milan will offer an IRU for 12 strands of this new fiber to the QCIC NET.
- Milan will receive compensation for the maintenance of this new fiber line from PEG and will thus provide all necessary repair service to the fiber.
- From the Milan Village Hall, PEG Bandwidth will ride two strands of excess QCIC NET fiber to approximately the geographic center of Rock Island.
- From the approximate geographic center of Rock Island, PEG Bandwidth will use the City's municipal fiber (not QCIC NET fiber) to reach the QCIC NET again at Rock Island City Hall
- From Rock Island City Hall PEG Bandwidth will use two strand of QCIC NET Fiber to transit across the Centennial Bridge into Davenport.
- From Centennial Bridge in Davenport, PEG will continue to utilize two strands of QCIC NET fiber through the Scott County Admin facility into Davenport City Hall.
- From Davenport City Hall PEG will continue its transit through the region using Davenport municipal fiber (not QCIC NET fiber).
- Davenport has entered into terms with PEG Bandwidth for the its transit through Davenport. Davenport will remit to the QCIC NET or its designee compensating proportional to the usage of QCIC NET from Centennial Bridge to Davenport City Hall.

Mr. Beswick motioned for approval to allow PEG Bandwidth access to QCIC NET as described. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moreno. There was further discussion regarding the details of the arrangement. Mr. Seiver called for a vote. A voice vote was taken. Six "Ayes," one "Nay (Bruemmer)," and three members did not vote (Bain, Donovan and Hirst). The motions was announced as passed by the Chairperson, Mr. Seiver.

CST, MST PROPOSALS

Mr. Hunt provided the board members a copy of the QCIC NET access terms developed by the negotiation subcommittee. These terms were sent individually to both Central Scott

Technology (CST) and MTC Communications (MTC) on QCIC Letterhead initialed by Mr. Seiver. No formal response had been received by either company.

The board discussed the best entity to hold any revenues received from such a proposal. Mr. Hunt noted that SECC or RICO ETSB were identified as possible fund holders by the negotiations Sub Committee.

Mr. Steinbrecher motioned that the potential funds received under the proposed arrangements for access to QCIC NET by CST or MTC be held by Bi-State and be managed by the QCIC NET Board, subsequent to the approval by the SECC and RICO ETSB boards. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Beswick. During Discussion, Mr. Malin proposed an amendment to the motion requiring the any funds received under such an arrangement only be used for maintenance of the QCIC NET. Mr. Hirst seconded the amendment. The amendment passed with nine "Ayes" and one member not voting (Bain).

The motion as amended passed with nine "Ayes" and one member not voting (Bain). Ms. Bulat stated Bi-State Regional Commission would draft a contract among Bi-State and members of the QCIC NET for the holding of funds related to QCIC NET.

IV. Other Business/Next Meeting Date

Mr. Hunt noted that the complexity of recent network access requests has highlighted the need for professional guidance related to network business and operations. Mr. Steinbrecher suggested the QCIC NET members could seek a fiber broker to represent their interests from a business perspective and asked Mr. Hunt to develop a list of potential brokers and email the list to the board prior to the next meeting.

The next meeting will be in approximately three months and is to be organized by Mr. Hunt. The meeting adjourned at 11:01 on motion by Mr. Malin and a second by Mr. Sharer. The motion for adjournment passed unanimously.