

AT A MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX BROADBAND AUTHORITY HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022, AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE

Present: John Koontz, Chairman  
Steve Barnette, Vice Chairman  
Greg Grichtmeier  
Casey Mewborn  
Ann Marie Ricardi, Treasurer  
Kevin Gentry, Executive Director  
Heather Lewis, County Attorney  
Peggy Jordan, Secretary  
Elizabeth Young, Consultant  
Participated electronically: Carrie Dos Santos

Absent: Peter Martin, Consultant

**CALL TO ORDER**

John Koontz, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Mrs. Dos Santos asked the board to be allowed to participate electronically from her home in Hartfield because of an illness.

A Motion was made by Mr. Grichtmeier to allow Mrs. Dos Santos to participate in the meeting electronically; seconded by Mr. Barnette. The Motion was carried by Roll Call votes: Mr. Koontz; **AYE**; Mr. Grichtmeier, **AYE**; Mr. Barnette, **AYE**; and Mr. Mewborn, **AYE**.

**STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no statements from the public.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Koontz asked if there was a motion to approve the March 17, 2022 minutes.

A Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by Mr. Barnette; seconded by Mr. Grichtmeier. The Motion was carried by Roll Call votes: Mr. Koontz; **AYE**; Mr. Grichtmeier, **AYE**; Mr. Barnette, **AYE**; Mrs. Dos Santos, **AYE**; and Mr. Mewborn, **AYE**.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Koontz asked if there were any additions, changes or questions on the Treasurer's Reports for January; there were none.

A Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented by Mr. Grichtmeier; seconded by Mr. Barnette.

The Motion was carried Roll Call votes: Mr. Grichtmeier, **AYE**; Mr. Barnette, **AYE**; Mrs. Dos Santos, **AYE**; Mr. Koontz; **AYE**; and Mr. Mewborn, **AYE**.

## **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND STAFF**

Mr. Gentry reported from Breezeline regarding broadband deserts, noting that VATI now includes Moore's Point in the project.

## **ACTION ITEM**

Mrs. Lewis brought the matter of a request by All Points to substitute LLC instead of All Points continuing as contracted. Mrs. Lewis stated she had been in contact Hanover County which has agreed to this request, to see if there were any issues. Because of the changes, now we would be better protected by the Attorney General if there are problems. Even though some of this agreement is a little more vague than optimal, Mrs. Lewis has no objection to adopting it.

A Motion was made to adopt the agreement by Mr. Grichtmeier; seconded by Mr. Barnette.

The Motion was carried Roll Call votes: Mr. Grichtmeier, **AYE**; Mr. Barnette, **AYE**; Mrs. Dos Santos, **AYE**; Mr. Koontz; **AYE**; and Mr. Mewborn, **AYE**.

Mr. Mewborn asked if there was any language regarding them not meeting performance expectations. It was reported there is a small amount of hold back in case of any issues and this language is included.

Mrs. Lewis stated this agreement was examined by Mr. Mike Lockaby, stating that in his opinion, this is the best agreement we can have and should be signed if we wanted to move forward with this project.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### A. VATI 4 County Update

Mr. Koontz asked Mr. Grichtmeier and Mr. Gentry shared the dashboard that was created to show the progression of the project to provide more transparency. This will be shared with the public, once the information is approved by Mr. Gentry and Mrs. Lewis to make sure specific information expected dates for work is correct and up to date. Once

all is verified, the dashboard will be linked on our Facebook page. Mr. Gritchmeier would continue to work on the dashboard for colors to identify activity, challenges and needs. Mr. Mewborn suggested adding a disclaimer because timelines are soft targets. Mrs. Lewis stated she would add the language. Mr. Gritchmeier asked for feedback from the MBA.

Mr. Gentry reported the project was in the nearing completion but the work in the Red Hill area has been temporarily halted due to stalled easement acquisitions. Kates Neck is looking like the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June and Bennett Farm is looking like sometime in July. In Deer Chase, according to Dominion Energy, is planning to have poles set, along with about 28,000 feet of cable, with a date of sometime in August with all connections possibly as early as September.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned until the next meeting set for July 21, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., by motion of Mr. Barnette, seconded by Mr. Grichtmeier. Motion was carried with the following Roll Call votes: Mr. Grichtmeier, **AYE**; Mr. Barnette, **AYE**; Mr. Mewborn, **AYE**, Mr. Koontz, **AYE** and Mrs. Dos Santos, **AYE**.

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Steve Barnette, Vice Chairman