



SIREPA

SOUTHEAST IOWA REGIONAL ECONOMIC & PORT AUTHORITY

Minutes of the SIREPA Board of Directors
Wednesday, July 26, 2023, 1:00 p.m.
In-Person at KL Megla Building or via Zoom
2495 280th St, Montrose, IA

I. **Call to Order** at 1:01 p.m. by Mike Hickey, Vice-Chair

Roll Call:

Members Present: Director Denise Boyer (Chair); Director Mike Hickey (Vice Chair); Director Michael Dunn (Secretary/Treasurer); Director Bob Dodds; Director Bruce Hardy; Garry Seyb, Ex-Officio; Rick Larkin, Ex-Officio; Matt Larson, Ex-Officio via Zoom

Members Absent: Director Jack Smith

SEIRPC Staff Present: Mike Norris; Zach James and Sherri Jones via Zoom

Guest(s) Present: Chuck Vandenberg, Pen City Current; Tim Fencl, Danville Mutual Telephone Company; Kay Sackville, Alliant Energy, via Zoom

II. **Consider Approval of Agenda (Board Action):**

Hardy made a motion to approve the July 26, 2023, meeting agenda, second by Dunn. Motion carried.

III. **Consider Election of Officers (Board Action):**

Dunn made a motion to approve officer slate of Chair – Hickey, Vice-Chair – Dodds, Secretary – Hardy, second by Hardy. Motion carried.

IV. **Consider Consent Agenda (Board Action):**

Hickey asked members address consent agenda items separately for discussion. Dunn made a motion to approve the December 1, 2022 meeting minutes, second by Hardy. Motion

carried. Norris discussed his memo and financial status of SIREPA with respect to fund balance, accounts payable, accounts receivable and management contract status. Smith motioned to receive financial report, second by Dodds. Motion carried.

V. Lee County Broadband Expansion Project Modification (Board Action):

Norris reviewed his memo about the background of the broadband project, and changes revolving around the NOFO 6 grant, received by Danville Telco. Due to cost inflation, the grant award was no longer enough to satisfy the project design. The updated project to accommodate the cost environmental would complete a shorter backbone and move the to-the-address-services to the ITQ Area 1 near Wever, IA. Fencil added detail on cost structure, Danville Telco investment, and communications with the state. Hardy made a motion to approve the project modification as presented, second by Dunn. Motion carried.

VI. SEIRPC Payable and Administration Contract Amendment (Board Action):

Norris reviewed his memo on SEIRPC administration of SIREPA, enabled by Contract No. 2013-416, which has been automatically renewed annually. The charge rate at that time was \$53/hr and now SEIRPC charges \$65/hr. Dunn made a motion to approve the administration invoice in the amount of \$8,241.50 for services between September 25, 2021 and June 30, 2023, second by Hardy, motion carried. Dunn made a motion to approve the administration amendment as presented increasing the charge rate to \$65/hr and lifting \$5,000 cap on administrative expenses, second by Hickey, motion carried.

VII. SIREPA Building/Career Advantage Center Update (Board Information):

Dennis Fraise reviewed the activities in the Career Advantage Center, including hosting all 8th grade students in Lee County, and select high school students for career experiences in the center.

VIII. Matters from the Floor:

IX. Adjourn

Boyer made a motion to adjourn at 2:19 p.m., second by Dodds. All ayes, motion carried.

Bruce Hardy, Secretary/Treasurer

Date: _____

