

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 P.M. by Chairman Ron De Bruyne at the Vilas Justice Center conference room with the following committee members present: Ed Bluthardt, Jim Galloway, John Niebuhr, Gary Peske, Kathleen Rushlow and David Alleman. Also present were Dave Leack of PSC Alliance and Steve Beil of Northway Communications.

Proper open meeting notice and quorum present were both verified by the Chair.

**Agenda:**

Motion by E. Bluthardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. De Bruyne to approve the agenda with the order of discussion to be at the discretion of the chair. All voted aye. Carried.

**Approval of the previous minutes:**

Motion by E. Bluthardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. De Bruyne to approve the March 27, 2009 minutes as presented. All voted aye. Carried.

**Project Budget and Financial Update:**

D. Leack presented a budget spreadsheet. Currently the project is under budget by the estimated amount of \$64,000.00.

**Communication Project tower work updates:**

**a. Boulder Junction tower:**

D. Leack reported that electrical grounding issues would be resolved by the end of next week. A final inspection report will then be forthcoming.

**c. Eagle River water tower:**

Paint touch up work has been finished. Site inspections will be accomplished according to a previous schedule set up between the City of Eagle River and the inspection firm.

**Motorola project status and update:**

D. Leack reported that adjustments to the system continued to be ongoing. G. Peske reported that Motorola was still at work fine tuning portions of the microwave system.

**Town of Lac du Flambeau tower project update:**

G. Peske reported that the Manitowish Waters Town Board formally decommissioned the non-directional beacon, located at the Manitowish Waters Airport, on May 14, 2009. The radio interference objection regarding the County's proposed Lac du Flambeau tower and the airport NDB will be removed pending FAA notification of the Town's action.

**SonicNet request for Weber Tower and Eagle River shelter space:**

G. Peske reported that SonicNet has requested permission to install equipment in the Eagle River tower site shelter building. They will provide an equipment rack that will have ample room for additional County owned equipment, if needed in the future. SonicNet would also like to install antennas at a higher point on the Weber tower, to improve transmissions for the eastern side of the county. He also reported that SonicNet was cooperating with ChoiceTel regarding data backhaul at the Weber site. E. Bluthardt asked if the relationship between SonicNet and ChoiceTel required a re-opening of the

agreement between the County and SonicNet. D. Leack replied that ChoiceTel was simply one of a number of service providers that SonicNet uses to transmit and receive data. E. Bluthardt also questioned the need for an additional structural analysis to be performed regarding the proposed new antenna locations at Weber by SonicNet. D. Leack responded that the additional loadings were well within the limits of the tower, and that an additional structural analysis was not warranted. Motion by E. Bluthardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Rushlow to approve SonicNet's request to install equipment at the Eagle River tower site and to install the higher antennas at the Weber tower site. All voted aye. Carried.

**Mobile data project:**

G. Peske reported that the used equipment would be picked up from Scott County, Minn. in early June. Other current equipment issues are still being dealt with. He also reported that he was loaned a Panasonic Tough Book laptop for demonstration and testing purposes.

**Oneida – Vilas interoperability project:**

D. Leack reported that PSC Alliance has held some coordination phone calls with Oneida County and Harris Microwave. Equipment compatibility issues still need to be investigated and resolved.

**Equipment purchases:**

Nothing presented.

**Correspondence:**

J. Galloway reported concerning the St. Germain tower site lease held by Vilas County. The lease rate paid the County has been automatically increasing each year.

**Approve Bills and Requisitions:**

Motion by E. Bluthardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Rushlow to approve the following bills:

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| Tessco Incorporated   | \$ 283.64  |
| Cummins NPower LLC    | \$ 775.00  |
| Technology Management | \$1,420.50 |
| PSC Alliance          | \$3,500.00 |

All voted aye. Carried.

**Set Next Meeting Date:**

Next meeting was set for 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, June 24, 2009, in the Justice Center conference room.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by E. Bluthardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Rushlow to adjourn. All voting aye. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:58 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted By:

David R. Alleman, Vilas County Clerk