

City of Hillsdale

Fiber Committee

June 26, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Present: Sue Smith, Robert Socha, David Holcomb, Barry Hill, Patrick Flannery, Jason Sherrill, Eric Macy, Steve Vear

Absent: Chris McArthur

City Staff Present: David Mackie, City Manager, Kelly LoPresto, Economic Development Coordinator

Meeting called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Mr. Mackie.

No Public Comment.

The group thinks there is a need for residential and commercial broadband.

BPU has 24 strands of fiber. BPU can buy additional fiber from Merit.

Check to see if BPU can lease or sublease (regarding the contract with ACD).

ACD gets their internet from Merit.

Merit provides infrastructure. ACD doesn't have the redundancy that Merit has.

Get a copy of the Marshall and Holland RFP on their fiber projects and email out to the committee.

The lifespan of fiber is approximately 20 years. There are on-going costs and updating.

Take a resolution to August 6, 2018 council meeting for council to approve moving forward with walking through the process.

Secure financing of \$25,000 for legal advice and guidance from the same lawyer Marshall used.

Bring back to committee RFP process.

Look for grants that might be available for fiber project.

The committee suggested to invite Jeff Gray, Jonesville City Manager to the next Fiber Committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Next meeting is Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 9 a.m., City Hall, Third Floor Council Chambers.