



ConnectGRADD, Inc., Board Meeting

July 27, 2021

Attendance:

Al Mattingly (P)
Johnny Roberts (*A)
Brad Schneider (P)

David Johnston (P)
Curtis Dame (*A)
Steve Henry (P)

Adam O’Nan (A)
Jack Whitfield (P)

Guests and Staff in Attendance:

Phil Lambert, WATCH Communications
Joseph Randolph, WATCH Communications
Joanna Shake, GRADD
Mariah Myres, GRADD
Tom Massie, GRADD
Kim Wells, GRADD

I. Welcome

Chairman Brad Schneider called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.

II. Minutes Approval

Chairman Brad Schneider presented the June 4, 2020, March 24, 2021, and April 14, 2021, minutes of the ConnectGRADD, Inc., Board.

A motion was made by Al Mattingly and seconded by David Johnston to approve the June 4, 2020, March 24, 2021, and April 14, 2021, minutes of the ConnectGRADD, Inc., Board.
A vote was taken and motion carried.

III. Finance Report

Chairman Brad Schneider reviewed the finance reports through June 30, 2021. He noted CGI’s total revenue is \$76,729.21 and there is a net profit to-date of \$50,003.11.

A motion was made by David Johnston and seconded by Jack Whitfield to accept the CGI Finance Report through June 30, 2021. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

IV. Wheatcroft Insurance Claim

Chairman Brad Schneider explained there was a break-in at the Wheatcroft site which caused damage and loss of equipment. He is asking the board to decide if they wanted to pay the invoice from WATCH or file a claim with insurance.

After some discussion it was decided to submit the claim to insurance and pay the \$1,000 deductible. Judge Steve Henry inquired whether the site would still be operational in the future. Phil Lambert with WATCH Communications confirmed the site would be back in operation once equipment that has been ordered is installed.

A motion was made by David Johnston and seconded by Al Mattingly to file the Wheatcroft claim with insurance. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

V. WATCH Communications Update

Phil Lambert gave a system update on Hopkins and Henderson County projects. Several of these projects are being “built-out” and should be released in the fall. In Henderson, the Sugartree and Henderson South projects should have lines and antennas up and running by September. The Robards projects is still in the lease acquisition stage, after some confusion, but all has been straightened out now. The Delaware project is a new project in Henderson, which will put much newer equipment in place.

Chairman Brad Schneider inquired about the monthly loss in customers. Joseph Randolph stated he believes those numbers will change once the new sites are up and running with new speed upgrades and with the addition of the customers that will be added with the Hopkins County project.

Judge David Johnston inquired on the possibility of a connection between CGI and the Kentucky Wired Project. Phil Lambert explained, WATCH is constantly reviewing the Kentucky Wired map to look for opportunities to use the system, but it has not been viable, as of yet.

VI. Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) Broadband Update

Joanna Shake reported KIA has surveyed the providers and their responses were due by July 12, 2021. There were 26 respondents, but KIA was not a liberty to say if any were from the GRADD region. Currently there is no release date for the request for proposals, but KIA speculates that it will be released late summer or early fall.

VII. Other Business

Judge David Johnston expressed that several customers in Ohio County are not happy with the CGI service. Joseph Randolph reported that he and Phil Lambert have been working with Jimmy Dukes to possibly get a higher capacity point set up which would serve the senior center, Ohio County Park and airport.

Phil Lambert explained there is a part of the renewal contract that needs addressing, which gives consideration to what each party expects if the contractual deal is broken, or one party wants to resile from the contract. Chairman Brad Schneider asked GRADD staff to coordinate a phone call with Judge Al Mattingly, David Johnson, GRADD's attorney, Joanna Shake and himself to discuss and submit a draft to WATCH by September.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary

Chairman

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