



ConnectGRADD, Inc., Board Meeting

June 17, 2019

Attendance:

Al Mattingly, Jr. (P)	David Johnston (P)	Adam O’Nan (P) (via telephone)
Johnny Roberts (P)	Ed West (P)	
Brad Schneider (P)	Steve Henry (P) (via telephone)	

Guests and Staff in Attendance:

Joey Randolph, Q-Wireless
Phil Lambert, Q-Wireless
Hon. Jack Whitfield, Hopkins County Judge/Executive
Kenny Autry, Ohio County
David Johnson, Johnson & Presser
Jiten Shah, GRADD
Debra James, GRADD
Tom Massie, GRADD
Joanna Shake, GRADD
Kim Wells, GRADD

I. Welcome

Chairman Al Mattingly, Jr., called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.

II. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Al Mattingly, Jr., presented the minutes of the March 22, 2019, meeting for approval.

A motion was made by Brad Schneider and seconded by David Johnston to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2019, ConnectGRADD, Inc., meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. Finance Report

Chairman Mattingly called on Debra James to review the finance report. Ms. James reviewed the finance report through May 31, 2019. She reported CGI has \$85,368.47 cash on hand. Currently the budget is showing a deficit as the service fees for May 2019 have not been received.

A motion was made by Brad Schneider and seconded by Ed West to accept and file the CGI Finance Report through May 31, 2019. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

IV. ConnectGRADD, Inc., Network Update

1. County Updates

Chairman Mattingly called on Joey Randolph to give a network update. Mr. Randolph referred to the county-by-county handout distributed to each member. Attached.

2. Video Speed Match Program Update

Chairman Mattingly called on Joey Randolph to give a video speed program update. Joey Randolph reported that video speed customers are up by 20-percent.

V. Interlocal Agreement – ConnectGRADD, Inc./Hopkins County Fiscal Court

Chairman Al Mattingly, Jr., called on Jiten Shah to review the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (ILA). Mr. Shah explained at the March 22, 2019, meeting it was approved to begin drafting an interlocal between the ConnectGRADD, Inc., Board and the Hopkins County Fiscal Court in order to allow Hopkins County to become a member of ConnectGRADD.

Hopkins County has agreed to make an initial direct contribution to ConnectGRADD, Inc., for their participation in the project in the form of \$350,000 for the purpose of acquiring and financing construction of infrastructure for the deployment of broadband service throughout Hopkins County. The initial money contributed by Hopkins County shall be earmarked specifically for Hopkins County, by way of any and all means to provide more accessible broadband service to its citizens. The agreement is being presented today for final approval.

A motion was made by Brad Schneider and seconded by Johnny Roberts to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the ConnectGRADD, Inc., Board and the Hopkins County Fiscal Court. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

VI. Secretary/Treasurer Appointment

Chairman Al Mattingly, Jr., reported that the group would need to appoint a member to Secretary/Treasurer position that was vacated by Judge/Executive Kelly Thurman.

A motion was made by Al Mattingly, Jr. and seconded by Brad Schneider to appoint Hopkins County Judge/Executive Jack Whitfield to the position of Secretary/Treasurer of ConnectGRADD, Inc. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

VII. USDA ReConnect Grant Resolution

Chairman Al Mattingly, Jr., called on Jiten Shah to review the USDA ReConnect Grant Resolution.

Mr. Shah explained he had been approached by Q-Wireless in regards to the possibility of ConnectGRADD applying for a loan/grant through the United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) ReConnect Program in order to begin upgrading equipment and furthering the ConnectGRADD network to rural areas.

The total loan/grant would be in the amount of \$1.5 million; \$750,000 of that would be in the form of a loan. It was also discussed that GRADD staff Tom Lovett would be the administrator for the application process of the ReConnect Program On-line System. After a lengthy discussion regarding the loan, it is was approved to allow Tom Lovett to be the on-line administrator.

A motion was made by Brad Schneider and seconded by David Johnston to allow Tom Lovett to be the ReConnect Program On-line System administrator for ConnectGRADD, Inc. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

VIII. Fiscal Year 2020 Insurance Renewal

Chairman Al Mattingly, Jr., called on Debra James to review the Fiscal Year 2020 Insurance Renewal. Ms. James explained she had received the FY 2020 insurance renewal from the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo) in the amount of \$16,971, which is a slight increase but still remains a good deal as past claims have been paid in the amount of \$44,500.

A motion was made by Brad Schneider and seconded by Jack Whitfield to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 Insurance Renewal. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

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