



**ConnectGRADD, Inc., Board Meeting**

**October 16, 2019**

**Attendance:**

Al Mattingly, Jr. (P)  
Johnny Roberts (P) (via telephone)  
Brad Schneider (P) (via telephone)

David Johnston (P)  
Ed West (\*A)  
Steve Henry (\*A)

Adam O’Nan (\*A)  
Jack Whitfield (P)

**Guests and Staff in Attendance:**

Joey Randolph, Q-Wireless  
Phil Lambert, Q-Wireless  
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 Mattingly presented the minutes of the June 17, 2019, meeting for approval.

A motion was made by Jack Whitfield and seconded by David Johnston to approve the minutes of the June 17, 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 finance reports through September 30, 2019. She noted CGI's total revenue is \$50,379, and there is a net loss to date of \$18,015, due to service fees not being received.

A motion was made by David Johnston and seconded by Jack Whitfield to accept and file the CGI Finance Report through September 30, 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 (See attached). Mr. Randolph also noted upgrades that have been made in 2019. (See attached)

### **V. Eighth Amendment to Construction and Services Agreement**

Chairman Mattingly explained Hopkins County has agreed to make an initial direct contribution to CGI for their participation in the project, in the amount 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 shall be earmarked specifically for Hopkins County.

A motion was made by David Johnston and seconded by Jack Whitfield to approve the Eighth Amendment to the Construction and Service Agreement. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

### **VI. Memorandum of Understanding – Renewal**

Chairman Mattingly explained that at the November 7, 2018, CGI meeting it was discussed and approved that CGI would invest \$50,000 for upgrading broadband equipment for video speed capability, for the next three years, with a reevaluation annually of the projects progress, i.e. what upgrades are being done and the effect they are having on the system. This will be the first reevaluation and upon discussion and possible approval the renewal will be for 2020.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided that there would be no installment paid now and will be reevaluated in 2020.

**VII. Interlocal Agreement – #2 Amendment**

Chairman Mattingly explained the Interlocal Agreement had a typographical error, which was signed in June 2019. Amendment #2 will address the corrections, which are as follows:

- Henderson County should have been \$200,000; and
- McLean was not listed, should have been \$75,000.

A motion was made by Brad Schneider and seconded by Jack Whitfield to approve the above-mentioned changes in the Interlocal Agreement - #2 Amendment. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

**IX. Announcements**

Jiten Shah asked Judge/Executive Jack Whitfield if had any updates from Hopkins County. Judge Whitfield reported that a fiber study is being conducted by a third party vendor in Hopkins County, once he has more information, he will pass it along to the group.

Jiten Shah reported that three re-connect applications were received but no word has come regarding any award announcements.

**X. Adjournment**

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

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Chairman

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