



Lancaster County Broadband Authority
Minutes of Board Meeting
April 14, 2022
5:00 p.m.
8311 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster, VA 22503

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1. Call to Order: Cassie Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the office of the County Administrator. Cassie Thompson, Chérie Kiser, Michele Craddock, Kevin Bean and Dr. Gary Silverman were present. Nicholas Pascaretti attended by conference call.

2. Public Comment: Cassie Thompson invited the public to make comments.

There were no public comments.

3. Approval of Minutes: Dr. Gary Silverman made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2022 meeting, subject to edits by Cassie Thompson. Chérie Kiser seconded the motion. All directors present voted in favor of the motion by a vote of 5-0:

- Dr. Gary Silverman – voted in favor of the motion.
- Chérie Kiser – voted in favor of the motion.
- Cassie Thompson – voted in favor of the motion.
- Kevin Bean – voted in favor of the motion.
- Michele Craddock – voted in favor of the motion.

5. Discussions:

- a. Nicholas Pascaretti provided an update on the regional VATI grant project between the LCBA, Breezeline, Caroline, Lancaster, Mathews, and Middlesex counties, which continues to proceed on schedule. Additionally, Breezeline plans on participating in the Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) Line Extension Customer Assistance Program (LECAP).
- b. Dr. Gary Silverman provided an update on his investigation regarding which homes may not be covered by Breezeline and/or APB through the VATI grant projects. Those homes are in certain census blocks covered by the FCC RDOF auction and awarded to Connect Everyone (Starry) and mistakes Breezeline made in the VATI 2021 modified application. Starlink (Elon Musk entity) is providing service to a few homes in the county, but is not recognized from a funding perspective by DHCD. Connect Everyone (Starry) has not revealed its plans. Dr. Silverman reported Breezeline and APB have expressed an interest in providing service to any remaining unserved homes through a partnership with LCBA under the 2023 VATI Grant or LECAP program. The directors discussed funding

options for bringing service to those homes, including LECAP, a 2023 VATI grant (with Breezeline or APB), and potentially a grant from the Jesse Ball duPont Foundation.

- c. Dr. Gary Silverman reported that most of the Smart Poles are operational through Broadband Telecom Services' ("BTS") wireless service, except for the Kilmarnock Parking lot and Courthouse locations. LCBA is coordinating with BTS to ensure it can address the operational issues. Dr. Silverman also reported that the bollards and signage for the Smart Poles have been installed.
- d. Nicholas Pascaretti provided an update on BTS's Fixed wireless deployment related to the County's CARES Act project. He reported that BTS has enrolled 217 subscribers. Nicholas Pascaretti also shared that BTS is interested in providing wireless service to downtown Kilmarnock and jointly marketing the service with LCBA, which the directors discussed but were not inclined to act.
- e. Nicholas Pascaretti provided an update on the APB/Dominion project status. The project is on schedule and there were no further updates on this project at that time.

5. Schedule next meeting and adjourned: Kevin Bean made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Gary Silverman seconded the motion. All directors present voted in favor of the motion by a vote of 5-0.

- Dr. Gary Silverman – voted in favor of the motion.
- Chérie Kiser – voted in favor of the motion.
- Cassie Thompson – voted in favor of the motion.
- Kevin Bean – voted in favor of the motion.
- Michele Craddock – voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday May 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Board/Commission meeting room of the County Administration Building.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary