

**Southwest Telecommunications
Governance Board Meeting**

Wednesday, June 17, 1998 - 10:30 AM
Key Largo, Lake Shetek, MN

Minutes

Southwest Telecommunications Governance Board Members Present:

Orlyn Wiemers	Minneota
Steve Kjorness	Westbrook/Walnut Grove
Douglas Froke	Fulda
Bruce Haug	SW/WC Service Cooperative

Others Present:

Rod Wrege	SWTC Director
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- 1.0 Orlyn Wiemers called the meeting to order June 17, at 10:30 a.m., at the Key Largo Ballroom, Lake Shetek.
- 2.0 No opening remarks.
A quorum was not present.
- 3.0 Motion made by Steve Kjorness, second by Doug Froke, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- 4.0 There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. The Minutes stand approved as presented.
- 5.0 Rod Wrege presented the FY1998 Operating Budget & Claims of Account.
- 6.0 METC/Legislative/E-Rates Update
Rod presented the METC/ Legislative Update. Congress, in a compromise with the FCC, has cut the original 2.25 billion to 1.275 billion, which should cover recurring costs but not upgrades. There is no information available on when we will receive the funds. The SW/WC Service Cooperative will be moving their Willmar office to Marshall. They have a TAG funded video connection in Willmar, which Rod has requested be moved to our Windom office. This is a newer technology that we have and it will give us another connection point to MEANS.
- 7.0 SWTC Operations
 - 7.1 Network Operations Report
The second studio in Redwood Falls has been completed.

Deb is out this week with knee surgery. Forrest will be on vacation for the next two weeks.

7.2 SWTC Personnel Issues

7.2a Forrest Fosheim

A raise for Forrest Fosheim was discussed and recommended.

7.2b Director's Review

A committee was established for the Director's Review. The committee will include Steve O'Conner, John Widvey, Steve Kjorness, Jerry Horgen, Rick Ellingworth. Rod will set up a time for the review.

7.3 Internet Server Status

One of the new internet servers should be installed the week of July 6th.

7.4 SWTC - SW/WC SC Future Consideration

Rod presented information relating to the cost of remaining as a part of the Service Cooperative verses forming our own joint powers agreement. Rod's recommendation is to remain as part of the Service Cooperative.

The building SWTC is housed in will be closed. Rod does not know for sure when this will happen. Rod has investigated the cost of moving. If we stay in Windom, which would be the least expensive move, it would cost a maximum of \$100,000.

8.0 Other

There were no other items for discussion.

9.0 Miscellaneous

9.1 Next Governance Board Meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

9.2 Next Superintendents Meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

10.0 Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Parker, Program Support Specialist