

**Southwest Telecommunications Cooperative
Governance Board Meeting**

Wednesday, November 17, 1999 - 1:00 P.M.
Southwest/West Central Service Cooperatives, Marshall, Minnesota

Minutes

Southwest Telecommunications Governance Board Members Present:

Orlyn Wiemers	Minneota
Steve Kjorness	Westbrook/Walnut Grove
Jay Haugen	Sleepy Eye
Dick Orcutt	Windom
Doug Froke	Fulda
LeRoy Domagala	Adrian, Edgerton
Marv Niedan	Canby
Rick Ellingworth	Redwood Falls

Others Present:

Lee Warne	SW/WC Service Cooperatives
Bruce Haug	SW/WC Service Cooperatives
Rod Wrege	SWTC
Jerry Parker	SWTC

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order by Orlyn Wiemers at 1:00 P.M., November 17, 1999, at the Southwest/West Central Service Cooperatives in Marshall.
- 2.0 There were no opening remarks.
- 3.0 Motion by Marv Niedan, second by LeRoy Domagala, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- 4.0 Motion by Dick Orcutt, second by Rick Ellingworth, to approve the minutes from the September 29, 1999, Governance Board meeting. Motion carried.
- 5.0 SWTC Operations
 - 5.1 FY2000 Operating Budget and Expenditures
Rod Wrege presented the FY2000 Operating Budget and Expenditures. Motion by Dick Orcutt, second by Jay Haugen, to approve the FY2000 Financial Reports and

Claims of Account presented to the SWTC Governance Board. Motion carried.

5.2 Network Operations Report

Rod Wrege reported on the video and data operations. The receiver from Westbrook on the Jeffers tower has been sent in for repair. Westbrook is able to receive classes but not transmit. The helpdesk software is here and is being installed. Forrest is researching the cost of T1 lines for schools who have 56k service. Jerry Parker reported on the progress of scheduling for the 2000-2001 school year. Rod is looking into the possibility of getting T1 speed service via Satellite.

5.3 Membership Status as of October 1, 1999

We have received notification of change in level of ITV services from eight schools, and level of data services from seven schools. This change in membership does not significantly change our budget.

Motion by Steve Kjorness, second by Dick Orcutt, that we accept those schools who have opted out of video or data for 2000 - 2001. If those schools elect to rejoin they will be charged 1.5 times the membership fee. The motion and second were withdrawn.

Motion by Steve Kjorness, second by Dick Orcutt, that we accept those schools who have withdrawn from video or data services for 2000 - 2001. Those schools opting out of ITV: Hills-Beaver Creek, JCC, Round Lake, Cedar Mt., Redwood Falls, Springfield, Wabasso, Marshall. Schools opting out of Data: Hills-Beaver Creek, Round Lake, Sioux Valley, Brewster, Redwood Falls, Marshall. Motion carried.

Motion by Dick Orcutt, second by Doug Froke, that any district which wants to join either Data or ITV pay 1.5 times the membership fee for the fiscal year in which they commence membership. Motion carried.

Motion by Jay Haugen, second by Rick Ellingworth, for non-participating districts the cooperatives equipment will be retained in each district until such time as an exit strategy is required. The question was called.

A roll call vote was taken. Orlyn Wiemers - No, Marvin Niedan - Yes, LeRoy Domagala - Yes, Doug Froke - Yes, Rick Ellingworth - Yes, Dick Orcutt - No, Steve Kjorness - No, Jay Haugen - Yes. Motion carried, five in favor and three opposed.

6.0 Reimbursement for ITV Teaching Costs - Tom Knoll

Motion by Rick Ellingworth, second by Doug Froke, that Rod send a certified letter to Tom Knoll stating that The Governance Board would like him to attend the Board meeting and discuss the outstanding balance with the group on January 19, 2000, at 12:45 at the Service Cooperative in Marshall. Motion carried.

7.0 Legislative/METC, E-Rate Report

FY00 TAG applications for the nonrecurring costs for new sites and pioneers have not been

approved to date.

We have received commitment letters for e-rates for FY00. The total for the cooperative is about \$350,000.

8.0 Miscellaneous

8.1 Next Governance Board Meeting is January 19, 2000, 12:45 P.M., at the Service Cooperatives in Marshall.

8.2 Next Superintendents Meeting will be determined at a later date.

9.0 Motion by Doug Froke, second by Dick Orcutt, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Parker