

**Southwest Telecommunications Cooperative
Governance Board Meeting**

Wednesday November 8, 2000 - 1:00 P.M.
Key Largo, Lake Shetek, Minnesota

Minutes

Southwest Telecommunications Governance Board Members Present:

Rick Clark	Tracy
Dick Orcutt	Windom
Jay Haugen	Sleepy Eye
Doug Froke	Fulda
John Widvey	Worthington
Marv Niedan	Canby
Don Knutson	RTR

Others Present:

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

- 1.0 The meeting of Southwest Telecommunications Cooperative Governance Board was called to order by Doug Froke at 1:00 P.M., November 8, 2000, at Key Largo on Lake Shetek.
- 2.0 Motion by Dick Orcutt, second by Don Knutson, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- 3.0 Motion by Rick Clark, second by Marv Niedan, to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2000, Governance Board meeting. Motion carried.
- 4.0 SWTC Operations
 - 4.1 FY2000 Operating Budget and Expenditures
Rod Wrege presented the FY2000 Operating Budget and Expenditures. Motion by Dick Orcutt, second by Don Knutson, to approve the FY2000 Financial Reports and Claims of Account as presented to the SWTC Governance Board. Motion carried.
 - 4.2 Network Operations Report
Rod Wrege reported that SWTC is in the process of having a DS3 installed between SWTC's office building and Qwest. This will enable us to bundle 28 T1s and save transmission costs.
We are still working on the final installation of the new video equipment. We experienced some audio and video problems. Some schools were put back on the old system until problems were resolved. The problems appear to be corrected at this time.

Jerry Parker distributed information regarding field trips and teacher training available on ITV.

4.3 SWTC Funding Formula for FY 01

Rod presented a proposal for a new funding model which would make costs more equitable to the districts and enable the cooperative to restructure e-rate applications. Rod distributed a handout with the current funding model and the proposed funding model as well as the net savings to the districts.

The e-rate money can go either directly to the cooperative or to the district. This will be handled on a district by district basis.

A motion by Dick Orcutt, second by Don Knutson, to bring the new funding model to the General Superintendents' meeting and recommend it for approval. Motion carried.

Rod has looked into the possibility of adding voice to our data network system and is getting vendor pricing.

4.4 Public-Private Partnership Possibilities

Rod has met with vendors and is looking at the possibility of putting in wireless data network. Rod will continue to look at alternate possibilities of reducing telecommunication costs.

4.5 ASL Substitute Teachers

If substitute teachers are not available, schools will be notified.

5.0 TAG/METC/E-rate

TAG is no longer available. What will happen with state funding for next year is unknown. Rod is applying for e-rates for reimbursement of telecommunications costs.

There is no new information regarding changes in funding. Rod Wrege will write a letter to superintendents asking if they have questions regarding state funding.

6.0 Miscellaneous

6.1 Next Governance Board Meeting

The next Governance Board Meeting will be 1:00 P.M., Wednesday, January 17, 2000 at the Service Cooperatives in Marshall.

6.2 Next Superintendents Meeting

The Next Superintendents Meeting will be at 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 12, 2000 at Key Largo on Lake Schetek.

7.0 Adjourn

Motion by Rick Clark, second by Dick Orcutt, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Parker