

**Southwest Telecommunications Cooperative  
Governance Board Meeting**

Tuesday, July 20, 1999 - 9:00 A.M.  
Southwest/West Central Service Cooperatives, Marshall, Minnesota

**Minutes**

Southwest Telecommunications Governance Board Members Present:

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| 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                  |
| John Widvey    | Worthington            |

Others Present:

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| Bruce Haug    | SW/WC Service Cooperatives |
| Cliff Carmody | SW/WC Service Cooperatives |
| Rod Wrege     | SWTC Director              |

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order by Steve Kjorness at 9:25 A.M., in the Small Conference Room at the Southwest/West Central Service Cooperatives in Marshall.
- 2.0 There were no opening remarks.
- 3.0 Motion by Marv Niedan, second by John Widvey, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- 4.0 Motion by Doug Froke, second by Jay Haugen, to approve the minutes from the May 28, 1999, Governance Board meeting. Motion carried.
- 5.0 SWTC Operations  
Rod Wrege provided current background on the status of TAG funding for the current biennium. Three plans were presented for the future operation of the Southwest Telecommunications Cooperative including a One-Year, Two-Year and a Data-Only option.

After discussion on the implications of each of the plans, John Widvey moved that a three-year plan for the continued operations of SWTC be prepared. Second by Dick Orcutt. Motion

carried.

6.0 SWTC Funding Options

Rod Wrege presented several funding plans based on a two-year operating period including possible TAG funding for "Pioneer" sites. The board looked at several methods to modify these for a three-year plan. Being unable to reach an agreeable solution, Doug Froke moved to rescind the motion for a three-year plan in item 5.0 and adopt a two-year plan. Second by John Widvey. Motion carried.

Rod Wrege and Bruce Haug presented an option to reduce administrative costs by splitting the Director's time 50% with the ESV Regions. Some of Rod Wrege's administrative duties would be assumed by Jerry Parker. Motion by Dick Orcutt, second by Steve Kjorness, to approve Rod to split his time 50% with ESV Regions 1-5 on a one-year basis. At that time, the situation would be reviewed. Motion carried.

Motion by John Widvey to modify the funding proposal presented as follows: increase flat fee of \$2500 to \$3500 in year one and to \$4500 in year two. Leave the per pupil amount at \$2.05. FY01 WADM's will be based on FY99 student counts. Second by Jay Haugen. Motion carried. Amendment by Marv Niedan to assess sites with T1 access an additional \$2500 per year. Second by John Widvey. Amendment passed.

7.0 Miscellaneous

7.1 Next Governance Board Meeting will be determined at a later date.

7.2 Next Superintendents Meeting is August 11, 1999, 4:30 P.M., at the Radisson South in Bloomington.

8.0 Motion by Dick Orcutt, second by Leroy Domagala, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rod Wrege, Director