



Lancaster County Broadband Authority

Minutes of Board Meeting

August 8, 2024

4:00 p.m.

8311 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster, VA 22503

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**1. Call to Order.** Keith Kidd called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Board/Commission meeting room of the County Administration Building. Keith Kidd, Kevin Bean, Michele Craddock, and Craig Geise were present.

**2. Public Comment.** Keith Kidd invited the public to make comments. There were no public comments.

## 3. Provider Projects

- a. All Points Broadband, LLC ("APB"). Keith Kidd provided an update on the status of the APB project. APB's make ready construction is complete with the exception of Kilmarnock. Our understanding is that Dominion and Kilmarnock are revising their franchise agreement to enable Dominion to lease fiber capacity to APB through the town (not for locations within the town but for the data traffic that passes through the town). APB has activated service areas to the north of Kilmarnock. The directors discussed whether certain addresses were served by APB.
- b. Broadband Telecom Services, LLC ("BTS"). Keith Kidd reported BTS sold its business to Virginia Broadband. BTS's wireless service customers related to the County's CARES Act project was down to 80 subscribers, which Virginia Broadband will serve. BTS lost customers to APB when APB opened up the service area. Virginia Broadband has its own equipment and does not intend to lease the tower space. BTS turned off the service to the smart poles. To date, no other service providers are interested in providing service to the smart poles. LCBA is exploring other options for service to the poles, including wireless 5G.
- c. VATI 2024 Application. Keith Kidd reported that the Virginia Office of Broadband notified the LCBA that the Verizon/LCBA VATI application was denied. We were informed that in light of the amount requested, the BEAD program will be better suited to the Verizon project and is likely to be granted. Under BEAD, Virginia received \$1.8 billion to expand broadband in Virginia. LCBA will work with the VA Office of Broadband, Verizon, APB and other interested broadband vendors to support applications for BEAD funding to close the remaining digital divide.

#### 4. Administrative

- a. Approval of Minutes. Michele Craddock made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2024 meeting. Kevin Bean seconded the motion. The directors voted in favor of the motion by a vote of 3-0:
  - Keith Kidd – voted in favor of the motion.
  - Kevin Bean – voted in favor of the motion.
  - Michele Craddock – voted in favor of the motion.
- b. Treasurer Status Report. Kevin Bean reported the LCBA's bank account has a balance of \$60,000.

- 6. Schedule the next meeting and adjourn.** Kevin Bean made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michele Craddock seconded the motion. The directors voted in favor of the motion by a vote of 3-0:
- Keith Kidd – voted in favor of the motion.
  - Kevin Bean – voted in favor of the motion.
  - Michele Craddock – voted in favor of the motion.

The LCBA adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the in the Board/Commission meeting room of the County Administration Building.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary