



Lancaster County Broadband Authority
Minutes of Board Meeting
October 13, 2022
5:00 p.m.
8311 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster, VA 22503

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1. Call to Order: Cassie Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Board/Commission meeting room of the County Administration Building. Cassie Thompson, Kevin Bean, Chérie Kiser, Craig Giese and Don Gill were present. Nicholas Pascaretti attended by video conference.

2. Public Comment: There was no public attendance.

3. Approval of Minutes: Cassie Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8 2022 meeting subject to a few edits. Chérie Kiser seconded the motion. The directors voted in favor of the motion by a vote of 3-0.

- Chérie Kiser – voted in favor of the motion.
- Cassie Thompson – voted in favor of the motion.
- Kevin Bean – voted in favor of the motion.

4. Discussions:

- a. Nicholas Pascaretti provided an update on the regional VATI grant project between the LCBA, Breezeline, Caroline, Lancaster, Mathews, and Middlesex counties. He reported that DHCD participated in a walk through in Mathews County with Breezeline and representatives from the county. DHCD expressed its satisfaction with the work done to date and the collaboration between Breezeline and the four counties to the project. Breezeline has released 71 addresses to its customer service as ready to serve. It has initiated broadband service to 31 customers pursuant to the VATI funded deployment. 17 of the 31 customers are in Lancaster County. Breezeline also is working with a home owners association for deployment in a new area of the County, which will require access to a private property.
- b. Nicholas Pascaretti provided an update on the APB/Dominion project based on APB's presentation before the Northern Neck Planning District Commission. Dominion is on schedule to complete Phase II the middle mile in the Northern Neck by the end of 2022. APB will begin the construction of its network to subscribers in Lancaster County at the end of the first or second quarter of 2023.

- c. Nicholas Pascaretti provided an update on BTS's Fixed wireless deployment related to the County's CARES Act project. BTS has enrolled 262 subscribers and the service is stable and operating well.
- d. Nicholas Pascaretti provided an update on the Smart Poles. As of the date of the LCBA's meeting, five of the eight Smart Poles were operational. Two have no service and one has poor service. The service issues continue due to tree interference. The directors, Mr. Pascaretti, Mr. Gill and Mr. Giese discussed possible solutions for the use of those three poles such as alternative fiber providers for the Internet access service.
- e. **Closed Session:** At 5:40 p.m., the LCBA entered a closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A) 29, discussion of public contracts. The specific matters discussed were limited to the discussion of public contracts. The closed meeting concluded at 6:20 p.m. Each director certified that the matters specified above were the only matters discussed.

5. Schedule next meeting and adjourned: Chérie Kiser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cassie Thompson seconded the motion. The directors voted in favor of the motion by a vote of 3-0:

- Cassie Thompson – voted in favor of the motion.
- Kevin Bean – voted in favor of the motion.
- Chérie Kiser – voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday November 10, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Board/Commission meeting room of the County Administration Building.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cassie Thompson
Chair