

Statewide Video Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2016

The Statewide Video Advisory Council meeting was held on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 and called to order at 6:45PM by Chair Merja Lehtinen.

In attendance were the following members: Tad Weinstein, Stephen Fuest, Michael Meinz, Merja Lehtinen, Marco Iacoviello, Douglas Poger, Gregory Davis, Stephen Simonin, Russel Gomes, Phil Markuszka and Alex Fraser.

Donna Hamzy representing Frontier and Jennifer Young representing Altice were in attendance. Recording Secretary Lori Weinstein was in attendance.

With new members in attendance, we all introduced ourselves.

Secretary Report:

Tad Weinstein made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Steve Fuest. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Mario Iacoviello made a motion to accept the report and Alex Fraser seconded the motion. Treasurer's Report was approved.

Provider Reports:

Donna Hamzy from Frontier reported that rates increased about \$4.00/month due to increased costs. Jennifer Young from Altice handed out the channel changes and Young said that there would be two new tiers with increased costs.

Technical Report:

Stephen Simonin spoke about working with Senator Blumenthal on emergency broadcast notification HDTV Maps to see coverage. Some areas have no coverage and can't get updates. Looking to change the FCC Rules for local broadcasters to repeat notices so people get updates as power is returned. Merja Lehtinen asked Russell Gomes and Gregory Davis to help the Technical Committee prepare a report. A motion was made as shown below. Discussion followed. Suggestion was to compare rates of all the companies in the state. Russ Gomes made the motion that he, Russ Gomes, Steven Simonin and Gregory Davis will work together to present to the government to change how franchises are structured and provide fairness to residents – this is a proposed action – Douglas Poger seconded the motion.

Membership Report:

Mike Mainz passed out a copy of the laws for membership to SVAC.

Legislative Committee:

Russ Gomes suggested that we wait till after the upcoming election.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Merja Lehtinen asked all the members for a goal to have for the annual report as this will be helpful to her for her portion of the annual report.

Mike Mainz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori B. Weinstein

SVAC Recording Secretary