

## Fiber Committee and Board Meeting, March 2, 2019

Present: Marcia, Lee, Brian, Chris, Jens, Ron, Theo, Harvey, Bob, Judy, Cindy, Phil, David

Legally we don't need a membership vote, but should we get some kind of vote to be neighborly? Chris said this could confuse and possibly mislead the members into believing a vote to have fiber or not is a legal procedure when it isn't, as in this setting only ratification of an adopted budget is where a vote happens by the members...plus, it wouldn't likely achieve its desired goal given the likelihood of low response rate. Lee thinks we should do it. Cindy suggested that we fully inform the membership of the whole process we have gone through. Chris said we should put this in the educational materials. Here is the process we will follow:

1. Get some kind of conditional approval by Rock Island on our Addendum A. Get Rock Island to revise the documents. Currently some numbers are inconsistent. The unit tally (unit cost for what excavator is providing) and the excavation scope should be incorporated into the agreement. We also need the unit tally from Rock Island. These numbers will not be released to the membership. Specify operational revisions. Fiber for undeveloped lot 68 and Harvey's lot 50, will be provided when the other utilities are put in, up to \$1,500 at the time this is done, Rock Island will pay the middle mile of this. Ron, Chris, and Judy. By March 9.
2. Complete the educational materials, post them on the web, put them in a packet to mail out. This is a flyer by Theo and Judy. Everyone should review these documents. Emphasize that members won't be paying more than they were when we were paying an assessment for the water system. Include information that supports the fact that fiber increases property value, that lack of it reduces value. Judy mentioned that a huge study showed that fiber increases value by 7.1%. Ron suggests sending out the part of the bylaws that allows the special assessment. Draft by March 9, final by 12, board meeting on March 13, send to printer March 14, collate material on March 15 and get into the mail, information meeting March 22, March 29 is the end of the allowed 14 days.
3. Finalize the budget revision, highlight what we would borrow and how much it will cost monthly. Board needs to meet and adopt. Marcia will head this, get it out to board and committee.
4. Membership meeting about fiber on Friday, March 22. Brian, Cindy, and Susan are on this. Talk with Windemere, Teri Williams, and Mary Clure about the impact on property values.
5. Membership meeting on budget on Saturday, March 30. We need to make it clear that this will be the only time that members can reject the proposal. The announcement will be drafted by Chris and the board.
6. After ratification (when we don't get 50% + 1 object), get back with Rock Island to finalize the contract and execute the loan. The loan may only take a week. We should note in the materials that the interest rate may change, so numbers could change slightly.

Lee suggests having Ron send the addendum draft to Rock Island for their perusal. Before Ron sends it to Alan, he suggests having the board review the addendum.

We will shoot for 7:00 PM for the meeting Friday, March 22. We will shoot for 10:00-12:00 for the meeting on Saturday, March 30. Cindy will check with Berto to see if the Parish Hall is available.

Ron had written a letter to send out to members who are objecting to the proposal, we agree that we should send it to everyone on Mailchimp. David will send it out.

Theo sent a link to the presentation that will go out to the homeowners. We need to clarify that the list of figures for final mile installation are rough estimates. Lee suggests the possibility of comparing price between Rock Island, Centurylink, and OrcasOnline, but this is very challenging because of many different price packages. Brian says that the other providers cannot provide all the same services Rock Island can provide. It was suggested that we may want to delete the "OLD" infrastructure map, show just 1 colored map. Keep the "FAQ" page 6 but have page 5 Last Mile estimates only as separate handout at meeting.