WiredWest Board Meeting – 5/2/18

Called to order at 7:01pm

Minutes of April 4, 2018 meeting - 2 Abstentions – Jeremy & Kathy (New Salem)

The rest are Yeses

**Report from the Chair**

Jim – thoughts about meeting in Worthington on 4/28 and what Peter Larkin said. Suggests that any money left over after true-up from the extra $12 million should be split between the towns. Discussion and suggestion that Bill Ennen has alluded to that possibly happening. Discussion of definition of Private Roads.

Jeremy has been making argument that the ownership of the roads is immaterial. Defining public way is a useless exercise.

Document that Doug put together concerning public ways. Steve feels that the document commits us to the idea of defining public roads. We should be working toward simply defining going where the utilities go. Kimberly has been concentrating on what’s in the grant proposal and grant contract with the state. Goal was passing 100% of houses and the Cartesian model included connecting to houses.

We will leave the document as internal for now and keep editing. Doug will incorporate edits.

Work done by Kent (Washington) & Brian (Plainfield) on estimating costs.

Jeremy asked how many are looking at significant cost overruns. Might be helpful to document them consistently to the state.

Kent – problem with MSTs. Turning out to need more than expected and expected costs for them may be different.

David - PURMA will ask each town to pay dues. $.21/year per $100 valuation – Good rate. $1300/yr dues. Nothing from MIIA. Jeremy had question about whether WW will pay for towns, and the answer is yes.

WG+E contract / terms – Jim sent it out today. 3 corrections on 2.15, 2.28 & 4.10.9.4. Change from Intl. Accounting standards to GASBY. Diedre is going over it and working on town contracts.

WG&E has it back from lawyer. Just needs Executive review by their execs.

2.32 & 2.33 have OLT definitions reversed. (Brian Hawthorne)

Hook-up of new customers after construction is completed. Assume every town will have a different policy. When someone calls WG&E for hookup, they will call a designated person to check town policy. Doug says he has stated that anyone that connects after bears the cost. He asked if anyone else has made a policy. Discussion about drop policy and trying to have consistency. Jim suggested putting it on the agenda for next board meeting. Kimberly thought too soon.

Kimberly reporting on having meetings with customers. Verifying their data. A lot of problems with PVC’s data. Trying to correct data to avoid change orders down the line. PVC is making changes at no cost because they are their errors. Also holding work parties for the hut area.

Plainfield, Leydon & New Ashford are out to bid.

Wait till next month to vote on WG&E contract. After they have hopefully voted and approved it.

IRUs – Kimberly hasn’t looked at yet. Doug & Kimberly will talk offline.

Kathy asked what people are doing at town meeting if anything. Windsor has separate update meeting. Rowe is having 40 minutes before town meeting for info session. Jim suggested using the dues assessment as an occasion for an update.

**Town updates**  - Wendell asks if there will be any paid staff. Is anyone getting mileage or anything like that? No. Will the money collected for the town be able to be touched by WW if there’s a shortfall.

Kathy – New Salem: Disbursements come quicker at end of fiscal year. Delays at start of new fiscal year.

**Reports from Committees**

 Finance – Bob has list of towns that haven’t paid dues yet – (will send me list)

 Review of FY18Q3 financials

Outreach – Charley asked about reporting on the HG&E report that Wendell commissioned

 Governance - brief report from Charley on progress or lack there-of of bylaw review. Kimberly thinks that before we make any changes the people who will be the stakeholders need to be known.

**Confirm and Schedule next BoD meetings**

Next meeting June 6 then July 11.

**Adjourn 8:53pm**