

**Minutes**

WiredWest Board of Directors Meeting

Online

Wednesday, October 2, 2024, 6:30 pm

**Attending:** Jim Drawe, Doug McNally, Bob Gross, Don Hall, Sheila Litchfield, Jeremy Dunn, Bob Labrie, Kent Lew, David Dvore, MaryEllen Kennedy, Dave Arney

**Guests:**

**Called to order at:** 6:33pm

**Approval of Warrant #7**  5

Moved: Kent moved to approve warrant #7 in the amount of $16,631.63

Seconded: Sheila

Discussion:

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| **Member Town** | **Vote** |
| Becket | Y |
| Heath | Y |
| New Salem | Y |
| Rowe | Y |
| Washington | Y |
| Windsor | Y |

Result: Approved

**Approval of Minutes**

September 18, 2024

Moved: Sheila

Seconded: David D

Discussion: One correction from Kent, replaced “town” with “finance” on page 2, paragraph 4.

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**Distribution of Excess Reserve Funds**

Discussion of what is needed for reserves and insurance coverage. Possible update on insurance research.

MIIA did not have the information for Bob G. Jim forwarded a message from PURMA regarding possible dropping of fiber coverage by Cabot. They did not want to accept a new town. None of our towns have been notified of possible loss of coverage. PURMA is researching underwriters for fiber plants.

**Other business which could not be reasonably foreseen within 48 hours of meeting**

Doug asked about rideout progress. Rowe is done. All towns except New Salem have confirmed work to be done with Brian/Jamie.

Jeremy asked about the WCF Service Protection Plan, and if it’s a WW or town decision. Since we share repair costs, it needs to be a WW decision. Discuss and vote about this at our next meeting. Current proposal was $2.50-3.00/customer/month. Sheila wonders how we can accept since it’s not in our current agreement and thinks it was not clear about charging when the customer is not at fault. Doug (and Jeremy) suggests that Jim contact Tom to get a firm proposal on the price. Kent points out they showed the WW repair figures separately at the Hilltown meeting. WiredWest has mostly solved the issues this is intending to fix.

David reported a problem with false alarms from the Cebula monitoring system. They are blaming Kohler, but the Kohler app doesn’t report those problems. Jim will follow up with Cebula about this.

Jim spoke to Brian about poor response to our queries. He is trying to be more responsive but is working limited hours and servicing electrical customers also. Jim will escalate if things don’t improve.

Sheila feels WCF should put up a warning about underground construction halt on November 15. Doug has asked Windsor for a heads up when new homes are being constructed, so he can contact the new owners in advance and warn about UG construction requirements.

Sheila will resign as Heath MLP Manager as of February 1.

**Confirm next BoD meetings**

October 16, 2024, 6:30pm

November 6, 2024, 6:30pm

Future – every 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 6:30pm

**Adjourn 7:11pm** Kent moved, Sheila seconded. Approved by voice vote.