

NORTHEAST MICHIGAN FIBER CONSORTIUM MEETING
Wednesday, July 10, 2019, 1:00 pm
Alpena Community College, Newport Center Building, Room 115
MINUTES

Present: Eric Vanderveer (Alpena County), Mark Grunder (ACC), Vicky Kropp (NEMiFC), Steve Schultz (City of Alpena), Chuck Bennett (TBNMS & Art in the Loft), Chad Bailey (MidMichigan Medical Center), Liz Fagel (Michigan Works), Jeff Blumenthal (ACC), Doug Chroninger (AMAESD), Katie Jensen, Tom Isaacs (Alpena County), Eric Dunckel (Alcona County), Paul Diamond (Sabre Technologies)

Present via voice conference: Liz Fagel (Michigan Works) (Merit)

1. Eric Vanderveer called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Minutes from April – Eric Vanderveer asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Liz Fagel made a motion, seconded by Chuck Bennett, unanimously approved.
4. Additions to the Agenda – None
5. Public Comment – Eric Magness-Eubank presented information about the 1/4 mil renewal up for vote for the Library.
6. Consent Agenda
 - a. New Correspondence – None
 - b. Financial Report – Vicky Kropp presented the budget and will email a copy to members. One \$500 membership invoice remains unpaid, the balance total is \$59,495.34. Eric Vanderveer asked for a motion to accept the report. Steve Schultz made a motion, seconded by Liz Fagel, unanimously approved.
7. New Business –
 - a. Meeting Schedule 2019-20 – Will meet every other month: July, September, November, January, March, and May as voted at the last meeting. Eric Vanderveer asked for a motion to accept the 2019-20 meeting schedule. Meeting locations will change regularly, please note the building and room on the agenda when emailed. Mark Grunder made a motion, seconded by Liz Fagel, unanimously approved.
8. Old Business
 - a. Update – Review NEMiFC mission statement, objectives/goals, promotional flyer – Vicky Kropp will email a draft to the members for review, please respond with your feedback to Vicky within the month.

- b. Engineering Update – Cleaning up the issue from the Courthouse to the High School. May need assistance with the multi-mode. \$11,580 would be the consortium's responsibility if Merit does the work but there is not official document on record. Getting another bid from Thunder Bay Electric for a comparison. Western Telco cost is still in discussion.
 - c. Merit Update – Katie Jensen and David Dennis will be in Alpena for the September 11, 2019 meeting to discuss the new member portal design, CISO training, bandwidth questions. There is a Broadband Summit in Gaylord September 24, 2019 – it is open to the public, an agenda is forthcoming. November 18, 2019 is the Security Summit in Dearborn. Always feel free to contact Katie with any questions.
 - d. Consortium Update – All contracts are in. A master list of all contacts is being created. Thunder Bay Community Health Service is in the process of deciding on providers. State of Michigan Fisheries contracted with Charter.
9. Roundtable
- a. Liz Fagel – On July 1, 2019, there were issues with the Merit Network in Alpena, lost service and then had poor performance periods, and did not receive the standard Merit email notification. Turns out Standish was under a DDoS attack and it affected Alpena service. She would like to see a better system of communication.
 - b. Mark & Vicky – The FCC is still in limbo on the 2.5 GHz; there is a \$20 million grant for rural broadband service out there.
10. Reminder – Consortium website is www.nemifc.org; email address is arfc@nemifc.org.
11. Adjourned at 1:36 pm. Eric Vanderveer asked for a motion to adjourn. Mark Grunder made a motion, seconded by Liz Fagel, unanimously approved.

Vendor Presentation following the meeting: Steve Gerhardt, KLA Laboratories
Steve Gerhardt is a Technology Consultant for KLA Laboratories, Inc. in Dearborn, MI. Steve has a twenty five year background in telecommunication sales has spanned both equipment and carrier services starting with AT&T Global Business Communication Solutions in 1995. KLA Labs has been in business for 90 years since 1929 and are specialists in Wired, Wireless and Wi-Fi 6 deployments, In-Building Cellular DAS including both 4G LTE & 5G as well as Public Safety DAS for in-building emergency radio transmissions. KLA understands a broad spectrum of technologies with an emphasis on telecommunication, software and networks. KLA provides World-Class, turnkey solutions for Networks of all sizes having done networks for Comerica Park, Ford Field and Little Caesars Arena. From concept to completion, KLA Laboratories prides itself on detailed design, consulting, project management and on-time completion for any size project, anywhere.