

NORTHEAST MICHIGAN FIBER CONSORTIUM MEETING
Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 1:00 pm
Alpena Community College, World Center for Concrete Technology, Room 106
MINUTES

Present: Dennis Bannon (NEMCMH), Vicky Kropp (NEMiFC), Liz Fagel (Michigan Works), Jeff Blumenthal (ACC), Katie Jensen (Merit), Rachel Smolinski (City of Alpena), Steve Schultz (City of Alpena), Doug Chroninger (AMAESD), Paul Mancine (Alpena Public Schools), Eric Vanderveer (Intricate Security), Tom Isaacs (Alpena County), Steve Mousseau (Alpena County), Bruce Johnson (WATZ), Chad Bailey (MidMichigan Medical Center), Mark Grunder (ACC)

1. Dennis Bannon called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm.
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Minutes from November 20, 2019 – Dennis Bannon asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Liz Fagel made the motion, seconded by Paul Mancine, unanimously approved.
4. Additions to the Agenda – None
5. Public Comment – None
6. Consent Agenda
 - a. New Correspondence – None
 - b. Financial Report – Vicky Kropp presented the financial report. Invoiced the 24 members for a total of \$30,000.00. Four members have not yet paid. Current balance of \$61,282.73. The committee of Liz Fagel, Dennis Bannon, Jeff Blumenthal, and Vicky hoping to meet with Dick Sutherland (ACC VP of Finance) soon. Paul Mancine made the motion to accept the financial report, seconded by Liz Fagel, unanimously approved.
7. New Business
 - a. Addendum approval to the 2014-1 Resolution of Expenditures between Merit and the NEMiFC – It is the \$2000 matching grant agreement between Merit and NEMiFC to help cover approved connection costs, for a potential total of \$10,000 per year. It is expired. The only modification is to extend the expiration date and have it renewed perpetually until either Merit or NEMiFC decide to terminate the agreement. Dennis Bannon asked for a motion to approve the addendum. Paul Mancine made the motion, seconded by Steve Schultz, unanimously approved.

8. Old Business

a. Merit Update – Katie Jensen

Katie gave an overview and demo of the Merit Member Portal for monitoring bandwidth, including discussion about the difference between community and commodity traffic. Merit Member Conference is May 12 & 13, 2020.

b. Consortium Update – Vicky Kropp

Working with one new potential customer; Katie doing some outreach to Rogers City; and the list of miscellaneous items is keeping them busy.

c. NEMiFC Ring/Engineering Update – Mark Grunder and Vicky Kropp

Talked to Steve Weiland for clarification on the next steps. No anticipated completion date yet.

9. Roundtable

a. Liz Fagel – wondering about Merit installing switch at Alcona location.

b. Eric Vanderveer – gave update on some current cyber security issues.

10. Reminder – Consortium website is www.nemifc.org; email address is arfc@nemifc.org.

Dennis Bannon asked for a motion to adjourn. Liz Fagel made a motion, seconded by Paul Mancine, unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.