



## Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

August 8, 2023

### Attending:

RANA Board: Leslie Straughan, Robert Day, Jason Melvin (Absent), Ron Cash, Gary Sickler

Advisory Members: Valeri Jacoutot (Secretary), Mr. Saacke (Treasurer), Neil Hardesty

### Others:

Ms. Straughan called the meeting of the RANA Board to order at 2:00 PM, noting that a quorum existed with four members present.

### Administrative

The board welcomed Gary Sickler as the new board member representing Washington and Lee University. Gary is replacing Matt Fitzgerald who resigned his position after leaving the university for a new opportunity. Gary will complete Matt's term and will be eligible for two more terms as a board member.

### Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Day moved to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Ms. Straughan seconded the motion. The motion passed with four members in consent.

Ms. Straughan: Yes; Mr. Melvin: A; Mr. Day: Yes; Mr. Cash: Yes; Mr. Sickler: Yes

### Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Saacke reported on the June and financial reports.

Mr. Saacke reviewed and approved the June bank statements and reconciliation reports.

Mr. Saacke reviewed and approved the monthly disbursements for June.

Mr. Day moved to approve the disbursements made in June. Mr. Cash seconded the motion and the motion passed with four members in consent.

Ms. Straughan: Yes; Mr. Melvin: A; Mr. Day: Yes; Mr. Cash: Yes Mr. Sickler: Yes

### Operations Report:

Ms. Jacoutot reviewed the network operators report submitted by Wide Open Networks.

Ms. Jacoutot reported that power charges from Dominion have increased.

Ms. Jacoutot reported that Ting has ceased its ISP operations in Rockbridge County and has decommissioned its equipment at the RAP.

### Outside Plant:

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Mr. Hardesty reviewed outside plant activities. RANA has obtained a splicing machine that will allow Mr. Hardesty to handle simple drop splices for fiber cuts and new drop installations. This will result in faster drop repairs, cost savings, and revenue for RANA.

Entry light fixtures were replaced with new led lights. The expired photocell was also replaced.

Old Business

Mr. Hardesty reported on cost of tightening sagging fiber on poles over I-81 and Rt 60. The board inquired on whether the project can be done in two phases in different fiscal years. Mr. Hardesty will report back at the next board meeting.

New Business:

Ms. Jacoutot provided information on an opportunity to provide more visibility for the data center by marketing it through DatacenterHawk's marketing program. Ms. Jacoutot will send board members additional information on the website.

The meeting adjourned at 2:54 PM. The next regular meeting of the RANA Board is Tuesday, September 12, 2023.

Approved:

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Valeri Jacoutot, Secretary

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Leslie Straughan, Chairman