

# Town of Lake Lure – Utilities Board

## - Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting – April 4, 2017

The Utility Advisory Board held their regular meeting at the Town of Lake Lure Municipal Center on Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

### **Members Present:**

Wayne Hyatt  
Steve Miller  
Paul Westbrook  
Don Cason  
John Chapman  
Roger Peterson  
Richard Glassen (by phone)

### **Invited Guests:**

John Wood – Skyrunner Internet  
Yanni Taljaard – Skyrunner Internet  
Russ Pitts - Pangaea  
Ken Griffin - Pangaea  
Keith Conover – NC Broadband

### **Others:**

Bob Cameron – Council Liaison  
Ron Nalley – Town Manager  
Linda Ward – Staff Liaison

### **General Meeting Actions**

- a. *Call to Order* - Chairman Wayne Hyatt called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.
- b. *Approval of March 7, 2017 Minutes* – Steve Miller made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 7, 2017 as presented. John Chapman seconded and the motion carried 6 - 0.

### **Old Business**

- a. *Skyrunner Presentation by Jon Wood* – Jon Wood gave a presentation about Skyrunner and their service offerings and plans to extend fiber to every home in Lake Lure. Mr. Wood also discussed the process needed to be undertaken by the Town to complete the work including developing a Request for Proposals, completing an engineering study, and exploring and applying for public funding. Mr. Wood felt that once the engineering study was completed and funding in place, fiber deployment would begin in phases and be completed rather quickly. Following the presentation, the Board asked questions of Mr. Wood and discussed the proposal by Skyrunner of extending fiber to every home.

Pangaea representatives, Russ Pitts and Ken Griffin, spoke about the high cost of extending fiber to every home and the complexities of completing the project within

the projected timeframe. Mr. Pitts expressed support for finding better ways to partner with Skyrunner, developing a county wide approach to improving service, and finding a provider to help fill the service gap in Lake Lure.

Keith Conover, representative of the State of North Carolina Broadband Infrastructure Office, then spoke about available funding for broadband deployment through various state and federal programs.

- b. Greenline Update and Review* – Town Manager Ron Nalley gave a brief report on the Greenline Project noting that everything was moving forward as planned and that the Town and engineering firms were still on track to meet the proposed deadlines.

### **New Business**

- a. Open Discussion/Comments* - There were no further comments at this time.

### **Public Forum**

There were no public comments at this time.

There being no further business, Steve Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Roger Peterson seconded and the motion carried 6 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

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