

Town of Lake Lure – Utilities Board

- Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting – June 6, 2017

The Utility Advisory Board held their regular meeting at the Town of Lake Lure Municipal Center on Tuesday, June 6, 2017.

Members Present:

Wayne Hyatt
Paul Westbrook
Don Cason
John Chapman
Roger Peterson
Richard Glassen

Members Absent:

Steve Miller

Invited Guests:

Ron Walters – Pangaea
Russ Pitts - Panagea
Chris Daniels - Telrad
Emmanuel Lelekis–Point Broadband

Others:

Bob Keith – Mayor
John Moore – Commissioner
Stephen Webber - Commissioner
Ron Nalley – Town Manager

General Meeting Actions

- a. *Call to Order* - Chairman Wayne Hyatt called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.
- b. *Approval of April 4, 2017 Minutes* – Mr. Nalley reported that the Minutes of the April meeting were not ready and will be presented to the Board for approval at their next meeting.

Old Business

- a. *Greenline Update and Review* – Town Manager Ron Nalley gave a brief report on the Greenline Project and stated that Town Engineer Harlow Brown will be giving a full update at their next meeting.

New Business

- a. *Pangaea Presentation* – Pangaea Executive Director Ron Walters gave a summary of Pangaea’s history, work in the community, and its partnership with the Town of Lake Lure. Mr. Walters spoke of Pangaea’s many successes, but also expressed frustration with finding a provider to help in their focus for providing the “last mile” deployment of high speed internet. In an effort to find providers, Pangaea developed a Request for

Information and following a selection process chose Point Broadband whose corporate mission is to, “provide affordable, fast, reliable internet services to residential and business customers in rural and suburban America.”

Representatives from Point Broadband and Telrad Networks then made a presentation to the Board concerning their desire to provide affordable, fast, reliable internet services to residential and business customers in Lake Lure, other areas of Rutherford County and Polk County. Headquartered in West Point, GA, Point Broadband is providing services in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and now, in North Carolina. Point Broadband is committed to building and maintaining a broadband network that will offer a persistent, dedicated connection of 10 Mbps down and 1 Mbps up in order to meet most users needs. Other speeds up to 1 Gbps will be offered and pricing will vary based on the level of service. Highlights of the service include no contracts, no separate charges, no usage/data caps, local install and support resources and only a one-time installation fee.

Following discussion, Roger Peterson made a motion to recommend to Town Council to authorize the Town Manager to develop an agreement with Point Broadband for the use of the Water Tower along Highway 9, the Town Hall, and the emergency broadcast pole near the Welcome Center as broadcast locations and to pursue the possibility of adding two additional broadcast location sites around town. Paul Westbrook seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

Public Forum

There were no public comments at this time.

There being no further business, Richard Glassen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Cason seconded and the motion carried 6–0. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.

Minutes prepared by Linda M. Ward, Customer Service Supervisor