

Minutes of the WG&E Construction Meeting with the Heath MLB and ITG
February 22, 2022 at 2 pm
virtual meeting

Present: WG&E: Joe Parda, Tom Kolek, and Dave Loiko

ITG: Dave Libbey

MLB: Art Schwenger(Chair), David Gordon, Bill Fontes, and Ned Wolf
with MLP Manager Sheila Litchfield

Dave Libbey reported that there has been no change since last week in the status of GIG items listed on Dave Loiko's inspection sheet. Joe said that the retainage would be held up on those until the work is done.

Dave Libbey left the meeting at 2:06.

Sheila described the Broadband interests of cannabis farmers at 11 Bellor Road. The house and 4 other sites on the property will want Broadband accounts. Their goal is to be up and running by May 1st. They will use a generator for electricity until they receive it from National Grid which they are having difficulty contacting. Joe said he will send Sheila the name of a National Grid contact person that she can pass on to the customers. They will need a design plan that satisfies their needs without compromising new customers.

Bill suggested a split cabinet in the field which Joe said makes sense. Sheila mentioned that the cannabis farmers have to heed regulatory requirements involving cameras and backup for surveillance video around the area. Joe said that the design would depend on getting more information such as details of the camera needs.

Joe said that the cheapest way to go would be to grab from the 4 available fibers just one to feed a split cabinet mounted on a pole on Sadoga Road. Bill said he would visit the intersection of Bellor and Sadoga roads and get photos of possible poles to send to Joe.

The WG&E people who can best help the new customers are Joe, Tom, Brian, and possibly Rich. Rich could help with phone service which all of them want. Joe won't start the design planning until he and the other WG&E people involved have met. Joe thinks that the cabinet is in stock. He questions how rapidly a pole license for the cabinet can be obtained.

Sheila asked about the availability of people to do the work. Joe was not concerned about there being technicians from ITG, WG&E, or Sertex who would have time to do the work.

Sheila asked whether any of the 216 fibers and labor listed in the DocuSign CNST- 20 is covered by ITG's builders' risk insurance. Joe said the builders' risk should cover all the materials and labor involved in the 216 cut-over. The Town will be billed and then reconciled on retainage.

He said that every part of the construction project will be released except for the MST replacement, the 216 fiber, and the remaining GIGs. Those items have retainage that the town will withhold until the work is done.

Sheila asked about the training for security at the hut. The training would include the key fobs. Joe said that he, Tom, and Uday are working on an hour long Zoom meeting for the week of March 7th.

David said that the Cebula employees at the hut told him it would be 3 to 4 weeks before they return to talk about key fobs.

Sheila asked about a network in the hut that seems to be open. Joe said that WG&E may have a 'guest network' in the hut for their own use. It may look 'open'. He supported our wanting it to be password protected. He said that we could go through Brian Sullivan to lock it down.

David will ask Cebula installers if they tied in the 3 UPS units that WG&E installed. That will need to be addressed at some later time.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wolf