

Minutes of Heath's MLPAC Meeting with WG&E and TriWire
January 12, 2021 at 2 pm

Present: MLPAC: Art Schwenger, Jan Carr, Ned Wolf; MLP Manager, Sheila Litchfield,
WG&E: Joe Parda, Rich Carnall, Tom Kolek, Dave Loiko, and Laura Dorman
TriWire: Jordan Hawes and Justin Chaplin

Jordan reported that MST's have been installed in FSA 1, and strand is being run along Taylor Brook Road. FSA 2 and FSA 1 are complete with MST's and cabling. Dave Loiko said that he had checked an hour earlier but saw no replacement poles for 19 and 20 on Taylor Brook Road. Joe said that the utility crews that do that work are more available than a year ago. He does not think that the time when the poles are installed will have a big impact on the schedule.

Joe said that in 2 weeks the redesign for FSA 4 will be in hand. Work on FSA 4 could then begin. He said he will release the design to us when he gets it. The design may go from 8 port MST's to 4 port MST's. With the PDU reduced by 200 drops there would be a corresponding reduction in the estimated of total cost for the drops. The reduction for 200 fewer basic drops would be $200 \times \$637 = \$127,400$.

Dave Libby reported that there was no splicing in FSA 2 last week due to the shifting of a crew to a work site in another town. He said that later this week there would be 2 crews splicing. Because of the delay in splicing the release date for FSA 2 may not be until February 15.

Jordan and Justin left at 2:27.

Sheila asked whether a customer can get extra Ooma phone handsets. Rich's suggestion was that the customer invest in a new phone system and buy a base unit that holds multiple handsets.

Rich said that a customer with the capability of maintaining power for the ONT and smart router and with a cellphone capable of WiFi would have the means for making calls out of the house.

Rich said that a customer who gets 1 gig service will enjoy that speed if the computer is connected directly to the router. But if the computer shifts from a direct connection to WiFi, the internet speed is cut in half. That cannot be avoided even with a better router. One can buy WiFi pods that extend the signal.

Sheila asked when the folks in FSA 4 can sign up. Joe said that Matt should have a scrubbed list of names in FSA 4 ready for release. They will check.

Jan said that in the CRM there are several blank construction costs. Laura said she will check whether they were omitted.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wolf