

Minutes of the Meeting of the Heath MLPAC, Triwire and WG&E
September 25, 2020 at 2 pm

Present: MLPAC: Art Schwenger, Sheila Litchfield, Jan Carr, and Ned Wolf
WG&E: Tom Kolek, Joe Parda, and Rich Carnall by Laura Dorman at 2:30
TriWire: Jordan

Joe listed the participants in the meeting. Jordan said that last week he had driven around FSA 02. Looking ahead to Monday, September 28, he said he expects to have two or more crews in town. The likely roads they will be on are 8A South, Long Hill, Branch, and Dell. Jordan said that most of their 'out time' will be Monday – Thursday. Jordan has an office assistant Marsha Paegle, who will send the daily construction crew assignment notice by email.

Jordan acknowledged receiving a list of streets from John McDonough with comments beside the street names. He said that he would request a police detail whenever he needed to ensure the safety of his workers. Art asked whether flashing lights and signs are on the trucks to be used at work sites. Jordan said yes.

Sheila asked whether the poles in Heath Center that MBI has to license will delay things? Joe said he has shared with MBI the urgency of their licensing certain poles in Heath Center.

Jordan asked about Tom Broderick, and Joe replied that Dave Lioko is the primary field project manager for Heath.

Art asked about the possible need to do more tree cutting for certain drops. Joe located #5 Vincent Rd. which receives its electricity from a line through the woods from Judd Rd. Joe said that some towns have engaged a local tree service. He also said that Heath is a Grid town, and because National Grid maintains its poles he thinks the paths for drops are pretty clear.

Rich asked about the prospects for our sending WG&E the ME Drop assessment report. Sheila said she could send it by the end of the weekend.

Sheila mentioned that we've provided WG&E with Heath's contact information and that we're waiting for Whip City's and TriWire's contact information. Joe said it would be forthcoming. Art requested that we get it before signup kick-off. Joe agreed.

Sheila asked at what point does a customer find out their potential cost. Rich said that it's not at the time of signing up. It's when a customer phones WG&E to request service that they tell that customer what the cost will be.

Sheila asked about fixing the database entry of road naming such as 'Eight A' which appears for '8A' in the database for Whip City's website. Rich said that they are accumulating needed

changes that include '8A' as well as the correct 911 numbers and will have a cost estimate to have those changes made

Sheila said that Bill Ennen has mentioned that for some towns there are last minute invoices from WG&E for engineering to go back to check various things. She said that the committee is wondering whether that would happen in Heath because it is the last item to resolve before Heath can submit the LMCF grant final funds application. Joe said that he and Bill did talk about it and that unless there was a backlog, there shouldn't be a problem.

Rich recommended that Heath do as other towns have done and contact those potential customers whose estimated drop cost exceeds the drop credit. Jan noted that Heath has 12 possible customers whose estimated drop costs exceed \$3,000. The Heath team will discuss making those calls.

At 2:50 the MLPAC said goodbye to Tom, Joe, Rich, Jordan, and Laura and thanked WG&E for allowing us to continue with an MLPAC conference call.

Art, Sheila, Jan, and Ned discussed the wording of the suggested lawn sign sent by Laura Dorman on September 23 at 4:35 pm. Members agreed to recommend the following changes:

1. Add an exclamation point after 'Broadband is here'
2. Remove 'WiredWest' following the WiredWest logo and instead have 'Sign Up Now'
3. Change the website address at the bottom of the sign from 'wiredwest.net/heath' to 'wiredwest.net'.

Change #3 allows more flexibility in using website to provide additional details.

Jan said that Mohawk Estates will be incorporated with Whip City data by Tuesday.

We will inform possible customers that if their estimated costs are over \$3000 they will be contacted by a committee member. You start the subscription process by going to the website wiredwest.net and signing up. This step does not commit you to anything. The final sign up is giving your credit card number which happens at a later point.

Art made a motion that the following 3 things be done:

1. Lawn signs be ordered from Jim Drawe with the wording decided upon above,
2. Postcards be sent, and
3. Emails be sent to those people who contacted Heath Broadband's gmail address.

Ned seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jan made a motion to adjourn at 3:37 pm. Art seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wolf