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Attendees: Stan, Van, Marc, Yung, Deborah, Roger, Kate Hensing (Comcast), Richard Gacke (CenturyLink)

1. Started with introductions and a little background on each of us.
2. Stan discussed the objectives for the committee.

After some discussion we agreed that from a service perspective, those without service are highest priority followed by increasing speeds to those with service, then ensuring that Afton has the infrastructure necessary to support future internet requirements – higher data volumes and speed.

3. Discussion and reviewed the scope of work

This included quite a bit of discussion on the current level of service provided by CenturyLink and Comcast. The level of service is dictated by franchise agreements, business case, population density and installed or available technology. In short, a number of relatively complex interdependent factors control who has access and what speeds are offered.

There is money available from the state – Minnesota Broadband Taskforce – however whether we can secure any money from this or other sources needs to be researched.

<http://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/broadband/task-force/>

Based on comments from Richard and Kate, the language dictating allocation of funds is for “no service” and does not include underserved which is where we believe Afton falls.

Options for service are currently CenturyLink, Comcast or wireless(cell data connection). It was noted by

Yung that since he has no wired service, he uses wireless which is very expensive. (~\$400/month).

Cost of building out service for CenturyLink \$3/ft plow, \$13/ft bore, \$1/ft use existing infrastructure.

There was some discussion on WiFi service offerings, but these are typically more expensive, offer less

speed and are more expensive to upgrade. This type of solution is more commonly found in higher density areas.

Richard had with him a service map for CenturyLink. This information is considered “company confidential”

by both CenturyLink and Comcast. After Kate left we all had a look at the CenturyLink service map which

essentially showed no service along Trading Post north of 18 to 30th St. and along highway 18 from

Trading Post to Manning. It is possible that some of the residences on 18 are served by Comcast,

but that information will be available later when Kate provides us with it.

Scope of work status – there were two versions of the Scope of work, I assumed we are using the version

with 10 line items

1) Stan has contacted the state and US representatives for our district

2) There was no number 2

3) Completed

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4) Assigned to Stan

Preliminary CenturyLink information available

5) Assigned to Deborah

6) Assigned to Yung

7) Assigned to Marc

8) Pending more information, will need to amend rules/regulations for contractors

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10) to be scheduled

Next meeting in May, Roger to schedule.