

CITY OF CONDON
Fiber Committee Notes
Thursday, January 12, 2017, 8:30 a.m.
City Hall – Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Jim Hassing, Councilors Jan Stinchfield & Donald Jamieson, Chief Dale Scobert, Elizabeth Farrar, Rita Rattray, Joe Knapp (on phone) & CA Kathryn Greiner; **Guests:** Tom Wolff, Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative(CBEC) General Manager, Rachel Weinstein Gilliam County Community & Economic Development staff. **Absent:** Councilors Jan Stinchfield & Donald Jamieson

CA Greiner stated that it has been discussed that a tech person may need to be hired by CBEC and the city to guide us through this project. Joe Knapp stated that he could help with some portions of the project, but the group needed to have it engineered and suggested several that he has worked with at Sandy. CA Greiner also said that an engineering firm had contacted her that was finishing up with the City of Maupin and works with Q-Life. Knapp stated that the engineering cost of a recent City of Sandy project was \$30,000 and usually they run about 10% of the construction cost. Engineers would be able to get the costs of the project and what is needed on both ends to connect to providers. Wolff stated that CBEC has a vault at their Alkali Substation which is seven miles from Arlington and near the end of their service district. Knapp stated that other companies may want to have their own structure to house their equipment or it may be as simple as a case on the pole to house the connections. Knapp will get the list of engineers to CA Greiner and she will forward to Wolff so an engineer can be hired and move forward with the project.

Also, discussed the maintenance and repairs costs and third party companies that provide this work, plus the estimated revenues of IRUs to companies for the fiber from Shutler Station Industrial park to Condon. It was determined that the engineering firms may be able to provide this information when they do their analysis.

Discussed that the fiber funds from the Gilliam County Court need to be requested at the February 1 court meeting. CA Greiner will send an email to court assistant Leanne Durfey. Wolff will also attend as a partner of the City of Condon and cost figures will be gathered of the engineering with the estimates of the cost of construction.

Discussed having a meeting with Windwave to discuss options of the fiber line at their connection at Shutler Station, and to determine their level of interest in this project. Wolff will set the meeting up with a target date of next week. Also, discussed the possibility of partnering with other companies such as LSN, Zayo and Level 3 to see if there is interest in leasing the fiber line from Shutler Station to Condon.

Elizabeth Farrar stated that it may be time to discuss dismissing the RFPs and CA Greiner will contact attorney Nancy Werner to see how to proceed.