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## Meeting of The Orange County Broadband Authority

March 14, 2023

Orange County Broadband Authority Board Members in attendance were James K. White (Chairman), R. Mark Johnson (Vice Chairman), James Crozier, Lee F. Frame, and Keith Marshall.

FiberLync (Orange County Broadband Authority) staff participating in the meeting who were in attendance: Tom Lachenev (FiberLync Legal Counsel), Jenny Cord (FiberLync Business Development and board Secretary), and Nick Hamner (FiberLync Operations Manager).

Mr. James K. White called the meeting to order at 03:00 PM.

### **ORGIZATIONAL MEETING**

Mr. White spoke about the need to appoint a Board Treasurer with the departure of Barbara Tilley. Mr. Frame made a motion to nominate Nick Hamner (Operations Manager) as Board Treasurer. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and Nick Hamner was named the Board Treasurer for the Orange County Broadband Authority Board.

### **AGENDA ADOPTION**

Mr. Crozier requested to add the Pledge of Allegiance to the agenda. The Pledge of Allegiance was added to the agenda.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt the amended agenda. Mr. Crozier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Approval of the meeting minutes for the Orange County Broadband Authority Meeting on December 6, 2022.

Mr. Frame made a motion to approve the minutes from December 6, 2022, Mr. Crozier seconded the motion. The motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 6, 2022, passed unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. White spoke about moving the Human Resources function from the Orange County Broadband Authority (d.b.a FiberLync) to the County of Orange Human Resources. Mr. White also spoke about

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moving the Financial function from Orange County Broadband Authority, including accounting and payroll, to the Orange County Finance Department.

Tom Lacheney, FiberLync Legal Counsel, spoke about the evolved MOU that was placed on the agenda and put forth the idea of Orange County Broadband Authority employees mirroring the Constitution officer polices. Tom will draft a new MOU for the Orange County Broadband Authority Board and the County of Orange.

Jim Crozier made a motion to add the Pledge of Allegiance to the Agenda. The Pledge was added to the Agenda as item 5.b.

Jim Crozier requested to add item 5.c to the agenda. Mr. Crozier spoke about the FAAR (Fredericksburg Association of Realtors) awarding the Orange County Broadband Authority with a certificate of recognition for outstanding results in serving and connecting the community and being a leader in broadband development in Central Virginia. Jim White and Jim Crozier accepted the recognition on behalf of the Orange County Broadband Authority. The FAAR recognized Orange County Broadband Authority after a one-year study found that Orange County and Orange County Broadband Authority exceeded other companies in the Commonwealth. Mr. Crozier would like to thank the Orange County Broadband Authority (d.b.a FiberLync) staff for their hard work in serving the community.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. White spoke about the contract for Fiber Optic Engineering and Construction Management Services with Byers Engineering.

Fiberlync staff asked the Board to exercise option 3 of 4 possible terms of the contract for Fiber Optic Engineering and Construction Management Services with Byers Engineering. Mr. Crozier made a motion to exercise option 3 of 4 possible terms of the contract with Byers Engineering. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. White spoke about adding three special rate categories to the current schedule of rates. Mr. White requested discussion only at this time. Current rates will continue to stay the same for the foreseeable future.

## ADJOURN

On the motion of Mark Johnson and seconded by Lee Frame the Orange County Broadband Authority meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM.

  
James K. White, Chairman