

REPORT OF REGULAR SESSION
CITY OF HIGHLAND
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY BOARD

Monday – August 9, 2021

7:00 pm

ROLL CALL: Members present - Sharon Rusteberg, Jon Boulanger and Chairman George Marron

Additional Attendees - Light and Power Director Dan Cook, Technology & Innovation Director Angela Imming, Minutes Taker Terri Hoffmann

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

MINUTES:

- A. Minutes of the April 26, 2021 regular session of the Telecommunications Advisory Board were approved.

REPORTS:

- A. List of customer sign-ups, installs and other metrics – A current customer count of 2,638 was reported: 2,499 reported as ‘data’ subscribers, 824 as ‘voice’ and 1,135 as ‘video’.
- B. Update on V-TV; construction – A total of 300 customers are reported as ‘converted’ to the new V-TV system with a total stream count of 841. This ‘per customer’ average of almost three streams, matches expectations. Estimated expenses to complete fiber build-out to remaining areas inside city limits are \$120,000, to outsource labor primarily for splicing; the remaining needed labor will come from in-house (HCS technicians)
- C. ARPA Update – A portion of the funds received from the plan are anticipated to be used for fiber construction (build-out) and cyber security. Director Imming noted that the ARPA funds are available to municipalities whose broadband supports public infra-structure. The amount requested for use will be based on actual funds received, anticipated at \$1.2 million. A formal request to city council to use a portion of these funds will be made at the next council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:08pm.