

MINUTES OF THE CC COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT

155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406

July 16, 2025

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the CC Communications was called to order at 2:00 PM on July 16, 2025.

PRESENT: Commissioner Matt Hyde
Commissioner Eric Blakey
Commissioner Myles Getto
General Manager Mark Feest
Chief Financial Officer Jamie Hyde
Administrative Assistant Shelly Bunyard

ABSENT:

Public Comment:

Chair Matt Hyde asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Verification of Posting of Agenda:

It was verified by Shelly Bunyard, Administrative Assistant, that the Agenda for this meeting was posted on the 10th day of July, 2025, between the hours of 1:30 and 5:00 PM at all of the locations listed on the Agenda, in accordance with NRS 241.

Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Agenda as submitted or revised:

Commissioner Myles Getto made a motion to Approve the Agenda as submitted. Commissioner Eric Blakey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

New Business:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Approval to file a protest or protest bid for the State of Nevada BEAD Benefit of the Bargain round.

Chief Civil Deputy District Attorney, Joe Sanford. As you may recall at the last meeting, we had substantial conversation regarding BEAD and the "Benefit of the Bargain". At that time, Nevada OSIT had not released any guidance or information regarding their plan to move forward. On July 8, 2025, Nevada OSIT released updated guidance on how they were going to bid the "Benefit of the Bargain" round and for the last several days being updated continuously to answer questions related thereto.

Responsive bids must be submitted no later than July 17, 2025, which would be tomorrow in a total of nine days from the day they released this announcement. Staff has worked very diligently to understand the updated requirements and potential benefits of the bid for CC Communications as well as the risks associated with it. There are a number of concerns with putting the bid together related to the time a match requirement which would be imposed as well as lack of clarity in what particular sites are going to be covered by previously awarded funds. Due to the extremely short timeline, this prevents a thorough analysis of these issues before a bid must be submitted potentially at a significant cost. This is especially of concern

because there is a belief that prior winners may have received input and guidance from OSIT during the pendency of this review and that they were prepared for a competitive bid round.

Should CC Communications either not submit a bid or take no action. There is some potential but our ability to raise any concerns in the future would be impacted by a lack of standing. The agenda item today is to consider whether or not to prepare a protested bid. That would look something like a letter or a bid that is incomplete and states that it's being submitted on a protest basis. To fully explore these issues as well as the legal ramifications associated with that, I do recommend that we take a recess and have a litigation meeting to discuss our options and then reconvene to make a decision.

Commissioner Matt Hyde. Are there any questions from the board.

Commissioner Eric Blakey. No questions.

Commissioner Myles Getto. No.

Commissioner Matt Hyde. I don't have any questions either. Can I get a motion to recess?

Commissioner Eric Blakey made a motion to recess. Commissioner Myles Getto seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Matt Hyde. I would like to call this meeting back to order. Are there anymore comments on item 5A.

Chief Civil Deputy District Attorney, Joe Sanford. Thank you, Mr. Chair. This is Joe Sanford for the record. I will set a brief record of our litigation meeting. At the litigation meeting we discussed the impacts of submitting the protest bid as well as the impacts to CC Communications if our protest was considered and additional time was given. It was discussed that potentially under the revised information submitted by OSIT a 25% match and bond was going to be required on the bid and that would not be covered by state money as it was in the initial application. CC Communications did not submit an initial bid the first time because of those requirements and would likely take the same position at this time. On that basis, we determined that it would not be in CC Communications' best interest to submit a bid and therefore our protest bid may not be appropriate. I would ask the Commission to make a determination or at least state on the record that if there was coverage that they would have been interested in the bid but with a 25% match no protest would be submitted.

Commissioner Matt Hyde. Are there any further comments? I will put on the record that we would have absolutely been interested in the changes made in the first round the 25% being covered by the state, 25% of the company's portion. I'm satisfied with that. Any further comments?

Commissioner Myles Getto. No other further comments.

Commissioner Eric Blakey. I think as a board we want to make sure that Mr. Feest and DA Sanford are continuing their own investigation into this matter and bring up any matters that develop after today.

Commissioner Matt Hyde. Absolutely, thank you.

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

Public Comment:


Chair Matt Hyde asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Affidavit of Posting:

APPROVED: 
Matt Hyde, Chairman

APPROVED: 
Eric Blakey, Vice Chairman

APPROVED: 
Myles Getto, Commissioner


Shelly Bunyard, Administrative Assistant


Mark Feest, General Manager/CEO