

LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL
Official July 9, 2009

Officers: Ray Arnett (President), Rob Bristow (Vice President), Suanne Wierenga (Secretary)

1. Call to Order: President Ray Arnett called the meeting to order at 10:40am
Motion by Tom Genson, 2nd by Evelyn Holzwarth to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

2. Data Line Bid Options Presentation – Thom Riley
4 Options:
#1 – what LLC has in place now. There is heavier use of the Internet since this was put in place. Current option has high control; problems resolved quickly, high level of service due to our leverage as a volume user.

#2 – Individual libraries would replace LLC T1 circuits with lower cost options such as Cable or DSL. Lower contract length, but questionable availability, low level of control, need firewalls at individual libraries. LLC can pick a vendor to provide this under 1 umbrella. This is a valid option that is cheap, but with many negatives.

#3 – Combination of the current network for Millennium, plus adding another connection (cable) for additional Internet bandwidth. This adds cost. Centrally managed; no web filtering or firewall centralized thru LLC, but thru a device at each library. Load balancing available, if cable goes down a portion of the T1 would take over Internet connectivity. This option would be very stable, with higher value circuits available at a good price for the cooperative.

#4 – Extending the current contract another year at the same cost. This gives us time to evaluate and add additional connections as needed at individual locations.

There is the potential for federal stimulus funds for broadband connections for public libraries. And as always, e-rate funds are available.

3. Adjournment:
Motion by Connie Teachworth, 2nd by Sherry Mountney to adjourn at 12:28 pm.