KANDIYOHI COUNTY AND CITY OF WILLMAR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EDC)
BROADBAND AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

August 29, 2022
Via ZOOM Video Conference

Present: Mark Boeschen, Dean Bouta, Bruce DeBlieck, Jason Hulstein, Roger Imdieke, Larry Kleindl, Michelle Marotzke, Ryan Nelson, Rollie Nissen and David Sisser

Excused: Donna Boonstra and Goldie Smith

Absent: Tony Kirby and Brian Zawierucha

Staff: Sarah Swedburg, Business Development Manager

Secretarial: Cathy Skindelien, Legal and Administrative Assistants, Inc.

Chairperson Mark Boeschen called the meeting to order at approximately 10:05 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS—

Mediacom Project. Chair Boeschen presented a map of the Mediacom Lakes Project (see attached). The project began as a Border-to-Border grant request by Mediacom for areas around Lake Florida, Lake Andrew, Norway Lake and Games Lake. Because Mediacom was only requesting help for 15 percent of the project, Chair Boeschen suggested the use of county funds instead. The project has expanded to include all of Lake Andrew Township except four properties (based on a list of addresses provided by Lake Andrew Township), part of Colfax Township and eight properties in Dovre Township that were removed from the West Project. Lake Andrew and Colfax Townships have approved the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for this project. The four properties not served are located in the southeast corner of Lake Andrew Township, south of the Kandiyohi County landfill. Charter has submitted a Border-to-Border grant proposal that has county approval, and if it is awarded the grant, the four Lake Andrew Township properties will be included. A question was asked about whether the Mediacom Lakes Project could include three businesses and two residences directly across the road at the junction of Highways 9 and 71, however, because these properties are located in Burbank Township and would require township approval, they will not be included. The estimated costs are as follows:

Total passings:	1145
Total cost:	$5.38 million
Provider contribution:	$3.66 million
County contribution:	$1.589 million
Township contribution:	$0.128 million
Total cost per passing:	$4,700
Provider cost per passing:	$3,200
County cost per passing:	$1,388
Total county projects' average:	$1,384 per passing.

Chair Boeschen received a map from Lake Andrew Township at last week's township meeting depicting an area within the Mediacom Lakes Project that TDS plans to serve, claiming construction will begin in September, 2022. Chair Boeschen attempted to communicate with TDS's government affairs representative and received no response. Mediacom has no issue with the possibility of an area being double-served and would make the project a high priority. TDS is not asking for a grant on this project. Discussion was held on whether to continue the Mediacom Lakes project as is, or to remove those in the TDS proposed-service area. It was agreed to move forward with the entire project.

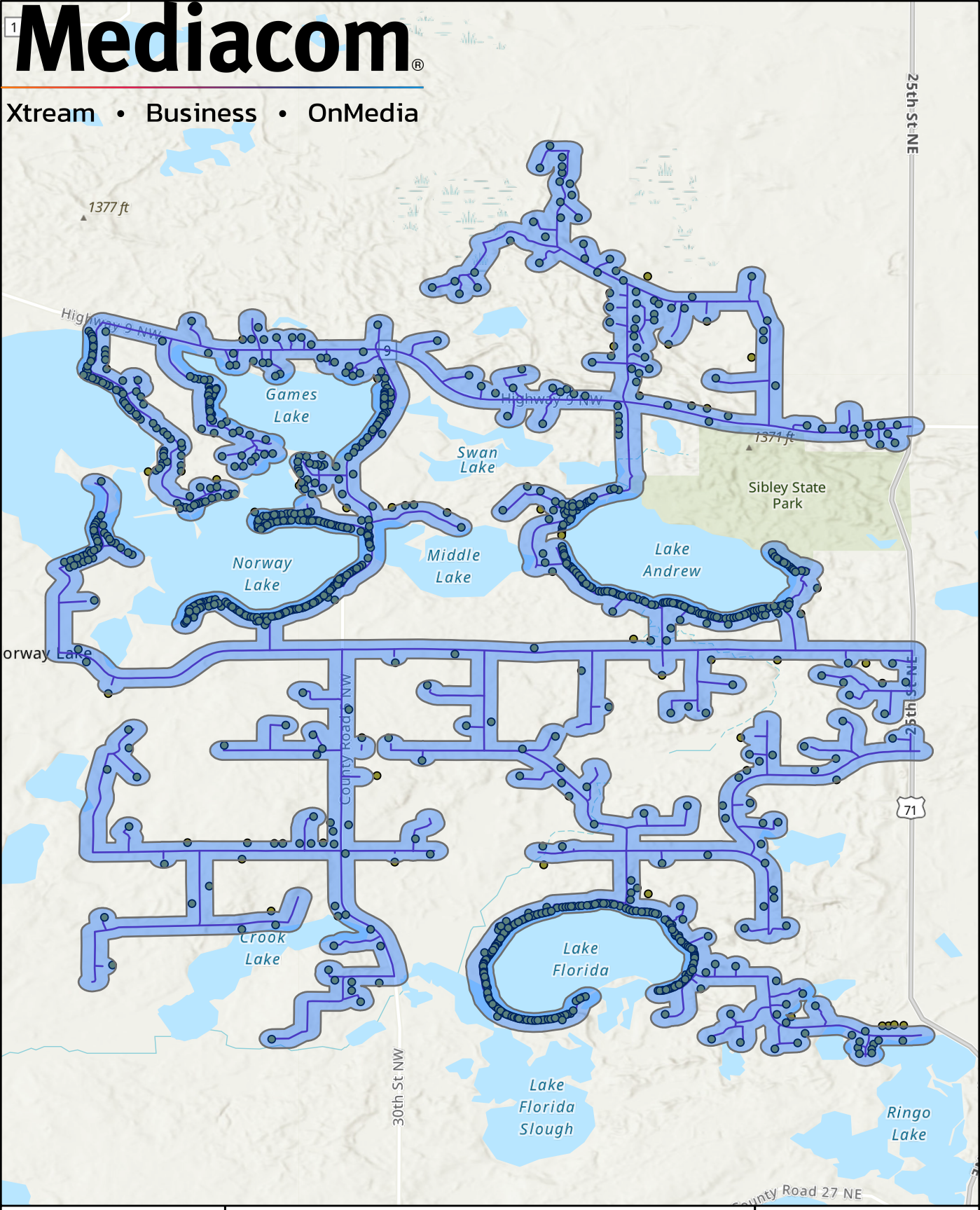
> IT WAS MOVED BY Dean Bouta, SECONDED BY David Sisser, to recommend to the Kandiyohi County Board of Commissioners that it approve the Mediacom Lakes Project, which covers Lake Andrew Township, part of Colfax Township and a small area in Dovre Township, at a local cost not to exceed $1.8 million.

The motion will be presented to the Kandiyohi County Board of Commissioners on September 6, 2022.

The committee thanked Chair Boeschen for his efforts on this project.

ADJOURNMENT—There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

NEXT MEETING—The next regular committee meeting is **10:00 a.m., Monday, September 12, 2022** at Room 2057, Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services Building, Willmar and via Zoom video conference.



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