

Collaborative Governance Council

Association of Minnesota Counties

125 Charles Ave, St Paul

Thursday, August 12th

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Members Present

Kyle Hartnett, Minnesota Association of Townships
Grace Keliher, Minnesota School Board Association
Ken Loeffler-Kemp, AFSCME
Rebecca Otto, State Auditor, Chair
Valerie Rolstad, SEIU
Jack Swanson, Association of Minnesota Counties
Gary Westorff, Education Minnesota
Mary Hamann-Roland, League of Minnesota Cities
Tom Hesse, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce

Others Present

Kevin Frazell, League of Minnesota Cities
Gary Shelton, Scott County
Ann Olson, Animal Folks MN
Anita Duckor, Duckor & Associates
Thad Ludwiczak, Do-Good Biz
Lee Johnsen, Education Minnesota
Kevin McHenry, Metro Cities
Sam Walseth, MN Service Coops, MN Rural Education Association
Valerie Dosland, MN Association of School Business Officials
Keith Carlson, MN Inter-County Association
Kent Sulem, Minnesota Association of Townships
Tom Garrison, City of Eagan
Brent Christenson, Minnesota Telecom Alliance
Mike Martin, Minnesota Cable Communications Association
Representative Carol McFarlane
Jim Levi, Office of the State Auditor (provided support for meeting)

I. Call to Order

- a. Chair Auditor Otto called the meeting to order.
- b. Chair Otto proposed that three presenters be added to the agenda: Mike Martin of the Minnesota Cable Communications Association, Brent Christensen of the Minnesota Telecom Alliance, and Jim Levi of the Office of the State Auditor. The Council accepted the additions to the agenda.

II. Review and Approval of CGC Meeting Minutes

- a. Minor technical changes were made.

- b. Gary Westorff moved and Mary Hamann-Roland seconded to approve the minutes as amended; motion carried.

III. Presentations – Technology

- a. Paul Brinkman, Executive Director of the Northeast IT collaborative. Mr. Brinkman presented via a remote teleconference connection from the Northeast Service Cooperative Offices in Mt. Iron. Mr. Brinkman was joined by Melissa Cox. (PowerPoint presentation)
- b. Tom Garrison of the City of Eagan (PowerPoint presentation)
- c. Gary Shelton, County Administrator, Scott County, presented on the Scott County Fiber Project Initiative (PowerPoint presentation)
- d. Mike Martin, Executive Director of the Minnesota Cable Communications Association
- e. Brent Christensen, President/CEO of the Minnesota Telecom Alliance
- f. Jim Levi, Office of the State Auditor – legislative actions regarding Broadband/technology, and Governor’s Task Force

IV. Discussion

- a. Council members asked presenters about any roadblocks to getting their projects or work done. Presenters responded that personalities can create roadblocks. Need a strong leader to get these collaborations done along with a clear focus, and mission. Financing needs partners – hard for just private or just public entities to successfully complete these projects.

V. Other Business

- a. Next meeting: The Council wanted to spend some more time on Technology. Tom Garrison of Eagan was asked if he could facilitate a presentation by Rick King, who served as Chair of the Minnesota High-Speed Broadband Task Force.
- b. It was recommended that the Council look at the summary of the Minnesota High Speed Broadband Task Force Report.
- c. The presenters were asked to share their presentations with the Council. The OSA will follow up.
- d. State Auditor Otto asked if the Council was interested in a presentation and discussion on the Cooperative Purchasing Venture as part of the next meeting. The group agreed. Department of Administration will be approached to make a presentation on the State Contract (CPV).
- e. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 26 at 1:00PM at the League of Minnesota Cities Building in St. Paul. The group agreed to try and add two more meetings to the schedule. State Auditor Otto will send the group possible dates.
- f. Chair Otto said they would revisit Shared Services/Shared Resources time permitting at the next meeting.

VI. Adjournment

- a. Mary Hamann-Roland moved to adjourn, and Gary Westorff seconded. Motion was approved.