

## Minutes – Region III

### Regional Telecommunications Council

April 25, 2013

**RTC Members Present:** Theresa Zeigler, Scott Fosseen, Judith Brueggeman, Angie Vaughan, Kathy Cornwall

**RTC Members Absent:** Art Pixler, Chad Frerichs, Steve Fleagle, Lili Jensen

**Guests Present:** Nicole Rosfjord, Al Wudel

Scott Fosseen, RTC III Chair, began the meeting at 1:02.

**RTC, ETC, ITTC, Funding:** Theresa Zeigler reviewed the new monthly tracking requirements and change to the allocation process for FY 2013. Region 3 has been submitting the monthly tracking reports as required. The Annual Report will be done after June 30<sup>th</sup>. According to ETC minutes, the request is that funding remain the same for FY 2014 and FY 2015. Iowa Lakes has invoiced for current year funds.

Theresa encouraged all members to view the “Tracking Evaluations” and “Video Hours” documents. Video hours are down and Internet services sold are up significantly. Al mentioned that use of the video classrooms has decreased especially among the K-12s. This could be due to older equipment and increased use of computer based options in the classroom. Many schools have gone to laptops use. Scott noted ICN internet is one of the most valuable aspects.

ICN is moving forward with RFP on the sale of the ICN.

**Updates:** Al reported on video classrooms. Site visit numbers are down but that could change if more classrooms become IP based or if schools decide to use classrooms for teacher sharing. This is Al’s last RTC meeting as he will be retiring in June. He has been with the ICN since its conception and has enjoyed his time. Theresa and Scott thanked Al for his years of service and contributions. Theresa has contacted ICN for a current job description for classroom technicians. Theresa and Scott will further research solutions for Al’s position replacement.

Scott reported on Networks/Internet. From June to January, 193 service tickets were submitted resulting in 9 site visits and approximately 260 hours. Of the 193 tickets, 111 were troubleshooting calls. Scott is looking at cache solutions and is working on trial projects for sites to extend bandwidth.

Nicole reported that video scheduling is mainly for Iowa Lakes and some K-12s. Use by Buena Vista University and Briar Cliff has decreased. Angie added that BVU is using more online options.

Scott reported on ICN status. ICN has been updating infrastructure with grant funds. They are increasing bandwidth.

**Next Meeting Date:** June or July 2013 – To be determined.