

MONTHLY MEETING OF DIRECTORS
BOONE COUNTY COMMUNITY NETWORK
Lebanon Utilities Conference Room
Wednesday, June 14th, 2006
12:00 P.M.

Pursuant to Notice given all members of the Board of Directors via Electronic Mail, the Monthly Meeting convened and was called to order by President Wallace.

No written agenda was passed out by John. Board Members present were Linda White, John Wallace, Dave Truitt, Tom Garoffolo, “returning” Board Member and Treasurer Rebecca Hull. Also present and filling in for Randy was Doug Zitzelberger – the Network Administrator for the Lebanon Utilities, as introduced by John Wallace from REMC.

John provided a quick summary status of the Treasury balance in the amount of \$ 19,274,00. He also promised to get the records over to Rebecca so she could resume her duties as Treasurer. All welcomed her back to the group.

The next item that John discussed was the further evaluation of the pending replacement server discussed at the annual meeting earlier this year. Terry had advised John that there is a new model of server coming on the market slated for a July release that we may want to look at and consider. As a result the evaluation process continues at this point.

The next topic presented by John related to our ten year term of existence. This being our tenth, John displayed for the Board several copies of newspapers from around the county showing the launch information, start up grant from the State of Indiana and our continued prosperity as opposed to other types of Community Networks that began with different focus. Some had pursued being an ISP which our group had avoided (thankfully!) Our group concentrated on web content and public information which has proved very valuable to our community. Many others have gone by the wayside yet we seem to be ever growing in content and data base for our Boone County Communities. To quote John we are “thriving” and “growing”.

John presented an example of content for our site concerning the approaching threat of the Emerald Ash Bug. Purdue University has provided a DVD of information that will be posted to provide Boone County residents with current information about this pest that has come from overseas and is destroying Ash trees in Marion and Hamilton Counties. The REMC may even try and post flyers into monthly bills to avoided their customers of the pest and the potential for damage to trees in the county.

John asked Doug if he would be able to share how the Lebanon Utilities projects are progressing regarding bpl (Broadband Over Power lines) and wi-fi. The latter's service territory covers about 2/4 of Boone County and they have more requests for hook-up than they can handle at this time so it appears to be a hit. The Utilities currently hosts space for the Boone County Economic Development Corporation, Doug provided the general pricing and indicated that this information should be on the Utilities Web page soon if not already there in place. There have been some small problems with both services but as part of the growing technology they have been addressed as they occurred to provide customer satisfaction.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. Those who could stay were treated to a tour of the new Lebanon Municipal Building that contains the Lebanon Utilities, Mayor and Clerk Treasurer and Building Inspector's Offices.