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**Southern Tier Network, Inc.
February 11, 2021
Zoom Meeting
Annual Board Meeting Minutes**

ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Carl Hayden; Howard Zingler; Jack Wheeler; Tim O’Hearn, Judith McIntosh; Aaron Dowd; Nonie Flynn, Jim Osborn; Alan Eusden; John Sharkey; Mark Rogus; Marcia Weber; Steve Wilber; Dave Hopkins.

Excused: Chelsea Robertson.

Management: Tony Marzolino, Jeff Gasper, Steve Manning

CALL TO ORDER – the meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM by chair Marcia Weber via Zoom.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the January 14, 2021 board meeting were approved on a motion by Mark Rogus, seconded by Alan Eusden, and carried.

2. Governance Committee Report

a. Election of Officers – The Governance Committee recommended re-election of the 2020 officers. On a motion by Carl Hayden, seconded by John Sharkey, and carried, the board elected the following officers for the 2021 fiscal year:

Chair:	Marcia Weber
Vice Chair:	Timothy O’Hearn
Secretary:	Jack Wheeler
Treasurer:	Mark Rogus

b. Board Member Elections - The board terms for Mark Rogus, Dave Hopkins, Jim Osborn, and John Sharkey expire February 2021. The Governance Committee unanimously agreed to nominate these four members for another term to the board. On a motion by Judy McIntosh, seconded by Alan Eusden, and carried, all four directors were elected to another 3-year term.

c. Review/Approve Organizational Chart and Mission Statement - The Governance Committee reviewed the current STN Mission Statement and the Organizational Chart and recommended re-adoption of both. On a motion by Howard Zingler, seconded by Mark Rogus, both documents were unanimously adopted for the 2021 fiscal year.

3. Audit – Finance Committee

a. Report on 2020 Financials – Mark Rogus reviewed the unaudited statement, and Tony Marzolino reviewed the 2020 balance sheet and income statement. Tony

stated the documents will be sent to EFPR in preparation for their 2020 audit of STN, which begins February 22nd.

4. Southern Tier Broadband Coalition Study and Report

- a. Update on Payments Received** – Steve Manning reported that all County payments have been received.

5. Sales & Marketing Report

On a motion duly made (Rogus/Zingler) and carried, at 10:20 AM the board went into **executive session** for discussion of contractual, financial, and customer-specific information.

On a motion duly made (Sharkey/McIntosh) and carried, at 10:36 AM the board came out of **executive session with no action being taken.**

6. Other

Jack Wheeler, Tim O’Hearn, and Nonie Flynn reported on successful presentations Steve (and Jeff Gasper for Yates County) made to the County Legislatures in Steuben, Schuyler, and Yates Counties.

The board discussed RDOF federal funding awards and the requests by broadband associations and members of Congress that the FCC carefully review the winning proposals for their ability to provide the services they have committed to provide.

STN will join Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board and ST8 in presenting “Rural Internet Challenges and Opportunities” for municipalities and other interested groups on March 2, 2021. Board members are invited to participate.

NEXT BOARD MEETING – The next STN board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 11, 2021.

ADJOURN – On a motion duly made (McIntosh/Osborn) and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Manning
CEO, STN