

Communications Committee Report Mar 19, 2022 Ryan Sommers, Chairperson

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Purpose: The Communications Committee exists to (1) compose and distribute member communications in a clear, timely, and effective manner, including via the bigelkmeadows.org website, (2) work to apply record retention per the governing documents, and (3) administer fair, timely, and accurate voting and reporting of ballots.

New Internet Service (Progress Report)

- Starlink delays persist, new "premium" tier offered at \$500/month with initial equipment fee of \$2500. Higher data rate and possible delivery in early 2022. No reports or reviews of these claims were found.
- xBar7 working with BEMA to further roll out fiber-to-the-house for homeowners. Also working with xBar7 to install fiber for water operations assets (fiber to the water treatment plant, storage tank shed, well shed) for SCADA uplinks. Also working to install security cameras for sand shed/dumpsters/up-the-hill storage tank.

Open Action Items

- Website Maintenance
 - (Complete) Action Item: NA
 - (In Progress) Action Item: Preparations made to move website hosting to Google Cloud from Site Gound. Site will be moved the week of Mar 21, 2022, domain registration will be moved in April. This should not cause any interruption or changes for membership.
- 2022 Technology Refresh
 - (Completed) Action Item: NA
 - (In Progress) Action Item: Create project plans for rollout. First actions (hopefully completed in March/April) will be to order and move phone services from Viasat to Internet-based VOIP. Work with xBar7 to install fiber for WTP/storage shed and cameras for that and the sand shed.
- Water Meter Reading Project
 - (Completed) Action Item: Q1 2022 water billing
 - (In Progress) Action Item: Further automation of water billing process.