

Cities keep more funds in MINET's operations

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MONMOUTH — Monmouth-Independence Network (MINET) General Manager Don Patten was prepared to pay \$618,000 toward the debt incurred by the two cities to build the network.

The board of directors — comprised of both city man-

agers and a city councilor and citizen from each community — only required the data company pay \$392,306.

Instead, Independence paid \$176,182 out of its water fund and Monmouth paid \$216,123 out of Monmouth Power and Light. The utility funds were used to take out the loans — and to refinance those loans — to

build MINET.

Monmouth and Independence completed a major debt refinancing of MINET in 2010, with the towns pledging “full faith and credit” on payments the system can't cover.

The decision was based off recommendations from the finance committee. If MINET paid the available

\$618,000, it would have minimal resources to operate. Having more money available will help with infrastructure and emergencies, such as when a wind storm knocked down cables, causing outages.

Patten said at Thursday's MINET board of directors meeting the company plans to grow in data, cable and

telephone service in the next 30 months.

“We have 7,650 addresses available to us,” he said. “In data, we have about 55 percent of that. In the next 30 months, we think we can acquire a 25 percent increase on data.”

One way MINET will increase penetration rates in Monmouth and Independ-

ence — the communities the network company serves —

is through public perception.

Though no firm decisions on how MINET will improve public perception was decided at Thursday's meeting, some things that were discussed include minimizing the roll of MINET Man — a cartoon mascot — and providing faster speeds.

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