

Broadband Committee Meeting

November 17, 2021 Monroe County Board Assembly Room

Present: Ron Luethe, Jen Schmitz, Cedric Schnitzler, Rick Folkedahl, Jim VanWychen

Tina Osterberg, Adrian Lockington, Lisa Aldinger-Hamblin

Web Ex: Dennis Treu, Chris Hardie- 7 Rivers Alliance, Dave Bonifas -MRRPC, Hetti Brown -Coulee Cap

Meeting was called to order at 4:38 p.m. by chair Ron Luethe in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room.

Jen Schmitz and Ron Luethe provides overview of Monroe County's Broadband Initiative

Survey Update- 11 responses from townships.

PP3 Partner Development Overview- Jen Schmitz provides updates

Couleecap- Hetti Brown Provides information on what programs are available from Couleecap options.

7 Rivers Alliance- Chris Hardie Provides information on the PPP and provides information on grants and GEO Partners.

MRRPC Dave Bonifas- Comments that MRRPC can assist Counties with data collection and grant writing.

Vernon Communications – Lynxx Updates- Not present. Open discussion

Broadband Forward Resolution- New Copy available with Chapter Information.

Special EDT Meeting prior to County Board Meeting on Tuesday November 23, 2021 to approve resolution for Broadband Forward and Telecommuter Forward.

Next Steps- Consensus of the Committee is to have fiber.

Motion by Cedric Schnitzler second by Jim VanWychen to endorse the Broadband forward and telecommuter forward community resolution to county board. Carried.

Coon Valley Farmers Cooperative & Tri County Communications to attend next month's meeting.

Next meeting date and time December 6, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room.

Motion to adjourn by Cedric Schnitzler second by Jim VanWychen.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Recorded by Adrian Lockington, Administrative Office Specialist