

Broadband Special Committee Meeting December 29, 2021

Sparta American Legion

Present: Ron Luethe, Jen Schmitz, Cedric Schnitzler, Richard Folkedahl, Josh Lydon, Jim VanWychen, Tina Osterberg, Adrian Lockington

Web Ex: Rod Olson, Chris Heffel, Kevin Riley 8th District City of Sparta, Deb Ferries Town of Sheldon, Jolilene Lee Town of Portland, Press: Kariann Farrey

Meeting was called to order at the Sparta American Legion at 5:09 p.m. by chair Ron Luethe.

Motion by Jim VanWychen second by Richard Folkedahl to approve the December 6th 2021 meeting minutes. Carried.

Cedric Schnitzler begins meeting with overview and introductions

Tina Osterberg- Telecommuter Forward and Broadband Forward Resolution's and Ordinances- comments on what these are and the benefit it has on grant funding from PSC.

Land Use Planner- Roxie Anderson – Ron Luethe comments that Roxie Anderson has been selected as the point of contact for the telecommuter forward community.

Co-Chair Jen Schmitz- Survey Results- Heard from 9 townships so far. Asking for those to still consider completing the survey.

Ron Luethe comments to the Letter of Support sample handout. Explains what we are seeking letters of support and in their own words to compile a letter and submit to Adrian Lockington to assist in Grant Funding.

Ron Luethe comments to the upcoming presentations from potential providers in Monroe County.

Potential Providers/Presentations

Vernon Communications Cooperative -Rod Olson

Coon Valley Farmers Telephone Company -Ryan Chambers & Brandon Williamson

Lynxx Network- Jim Costello, Chris Heffel

Questions from Towns, Villages and cities – open discussion

Jim VanWychen comments on the survey- Please check emails and complete survey.

Meeting ended at 6:45 p.m.

Next Month's agenda

-Next Steps as a committee/recommendations to EDT

Next Meeting Date January 19, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room

Recorded by Adrian Lockington
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