

Broadband Special Committee Meeting January 19, 2022

Monroe County Board Assembly Room

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

Other: Tina Osterberg, Adrian Lockington, Don Hammer, Hillsboro Telephone

Adam Balz, Mary Von Ruden, Nodji VanWychen,

Web Ex: Coon Valley Farmers Telephone, Brad Peters, Dennis Treu,

Call to order Roll

Meeting was called to order in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room at 5:00p.m. by chair Ron Luethe.

Motion by Cedric Schnitzler second by Jim VanWychen to approve of the December 29, 2021 meeting minutes. Carried.

Telecommuter Forward and Broadband Forward Resolutions and Ordinances Updates- Tina Osterberg comments to the Certificates Monroe County received.

Broadband Survey Updates- Jen Schmitz provides updates on survey.

Letters of support requests and receipts- Adrian Lockington provides updates and tracking all documents submitted.

Potential broadband provider presentation- Hillsboro Telephone-

Don Hammer provides overview of company and where they serve. Does 100% fiber to home only. Small company all work together with neighboring business. Comments on future projects and completion.

Broadband Testing Site- Geo Partners 7 Rivers Alliance, Chris Hardie – Ron Luethe comments that 7 Rivers Alliance received a grant to do the speed test and was awarded the grant. Link in agenda.

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Next steps- PPP Agreements – open discussion

Next steps – Letters of Support – open discussion

Next Steps, Broadband-Telecommuter Forward – open discussion

Additional next steps- Discussion

Next Meeting Date and Time- February 15, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room.

Motion by Ron Luethe second by Jim VanWychen to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m. carried.