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NOTICE OF MEETING

BROADBAND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE:

DATE:

TIME:

PLACE:

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

5:00 p.m.

Monroe County Justice Center

Monroe County Assembly Room

112 South Court Street (South Entrance)

Sparta, WI 54656

SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of February 15, 2022 Minutes
3. Introductions
4. Updates
5. Rod Olson, Vernon Communication Update
6. Broadband Provider Updates
7. Future Funding Planning – Discussion
8. Broadband Sub-page Update and Promotions – Discussion
9. Next steps – Discussion/Action
10. Next Meeting Date and Time
11. Adjournment

Ron Luethe/Jen Schmitz, Committee Co-Chairs

BROADBAND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Date notices mailed: March 11, 2022

Committee Members: Ron Luethe, Josh Lydon, Jen Schmitz, Dennis Treu, Ben Crenshaw, Rick Folkedahl, Jim VanWychen, Cedric Schnitzler, Paul Potter and Nidia Alcantar

PLEASE NOTE: A quorum of the Monroe County Board or other committees may be present at this meeting. No business of the County Board or other committees will be conducted at this meeting, only the business noted above.

Broadband Special Committee

February 15, 2022 Monroe County Board Assembly Room

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

WebEx: Paul Potter, Dennis Treu, Adrian Lockington

Other: Nodji VanWychen, Mary VonRuden, Adam Balz, Nate Abbott Town of Leon, Pat Wall Spring Bank

Meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room by chair Ron Luethe.

Motion by Jim VanWychen second by Jen Schmitz to approve of the January 19, 2022 meeting minutes. Carried.

Updates on Letters of support- Updates on Broadband-Telecommuter Forward-Additional solicitations for support- Adrian Lockington and Jen Schmitz comment to status and open discussion. Export all letters of support received into one document for the meeting on 2/17/2022.

Review Monroe County and Vernon Communications PPP agreement- Ron Luethe comments to this. Previously approved at EDT and now has the funding amount added from the ARPA request, Going to next county board meeting.

Feedback/Recommendations on Monroe County Broadband presentation –Cedric Schnitzler recommends future broadband and other providers be considered for future grant expansions outside the ARPA funding. Open Discussion.

Broadband sub-page Monroe County Website- Discussion/Action- Motion by Cedric Schnitzler second by Jim Wychen to approve webpage updates to add Broadband information and documents.

Additional next steps- Discussion

- Committee Chair and Co-Chair to contact Provider Lynxx Network
- Future Funding Opportunities Discussion/Recommendations
- Letter of support from the Committee for the PSC Grant Application through VCC
- Provide updates to all Supervisors/Presentations
- Letter of support at EDT Committee Meeting

Suggestion to move Broadband Meetings prior to the EDT Meetings so any agenda items can be placed on that agenda for any discussion/recommendations. EDT is the 2nd Thursday of every month with agenda out the 1st Thursday of every month.

Next Meeting Date and Time Tuesday, March 15, 2022 in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room.

Motion to adjourn by Ron Luethe second by Jim VanWychen at 6:21 p.m. Carried.

Recorded By Adrian Lockington
Administrative Office Specialist