

## Broadband

September 27, 2022

Monroe County Board Assembly Room

Present: Jen Schmitz, Cedric Schnitzler, Rick Folkedahl, Adam Balz, Dennis Treu, Jim VanWychen

Others: Adrian Lockington, Nodji VanWychen, Garren Mayer- Vernon Communications Cooperative, Kristen Anderson- Winding Rivers, Michelle Tryggestad- Director Sparta Free Library, Charlotte Peters- La Crosse Extension

Web Ex: Paul Potter

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

Roll Call/Introductions

Motion by Dennis Treu second by Jim VanWychen to approve the August 30, 2022 meeting minutes. Carried.

Updates

- a. PSC Grant Award: VCC- Garren Mayer provides updates.
- b. Tomah and Warrens- School Districts- Paul Potter comments to recent meeting and updates. Upcoming School Board Meeting October 17, 2022 at 7pm
- c. Vendor Updates: none present

Library and Schools- Discussion on Broadband

- a. Progress follow up in Warrens (Tomah) –
  - b. Northern Monroe County Strategy Ideas
- Winding Rivers- Kristen Anderson, comments to how libraries are served with broadband through the state via Badger Net. Focus is on equitable services. Michelle comments on Libraries and other scenarios similar to streaming services. Trying to make materials available for everyone.

Vendor Expectations & Broadband Strategies (link)

Feedback from other committees-

Discussion of Next Steps-

- Next Month Agenda Items
  - Brown County Document
  - USDA Grant Funding Contact

- Broadband WCA Document/ Update
- Brightspeed

Meeting planning- Broadband Committee

Next invite to key Stakeholders

Next Meeting Date and Time – October 25, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Jim VanWyche second by Adam Balz. Meeting Adjourned 6:14 p.m. Carried.

Recorded by Adrian Lockington Executive Assistant