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COMMITTEE: **NOTICE OF MEETING**
DATE: **BROADBAND SPECIAL COMMITTEE**
TIME: **Tuesday, October 25, 2022**
PLACE: **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/Introductions
2. Approval of September 27, 2022 Minutes
3. Updates on Current Efforts:
 - a. PSC Grant Award - Vernon Communications
 - b. Tomah & Warrens - Tomah School District Effort
 - c. Vendor Updates: Coon Valley Telephone, Lynxx Network, Lumen / Brightspeed, Hillsboro Telephone
4. Library and Schools Input on Broadband
 - a. Progress follow up in Warrens (Tomah)
 - b. Northern Monroe County Strategy Ideas – Cataract
5. GIPAW (Governmental Information Processing Association of Wisconsin) Conference – Brown County and Extension
6. WCA (Wisconsin Counties Association) Summary
7. USDA Opportunities
8. Updates to [Vendor Expectations & Broadband strategies](#) [document review]
9. Meeting planning - Broadband Committee
10. Next Invite to Key Stakeholders
11. Next Meeting Date and Time - November 22nd Scheduling Conflict with the Monroe County Board Meeting
12. Adjournment

Jen Schmitz, Committee Chair
BROADBAND SPECIAL COMMITTEE
Date notices mailed: October 24, 2022

Committee Members: Jen Schmitz, Dennis Treu, Rick Folkedahl, Jim VanWychen, Cedric Schnitzler,
Paul Potter, Nidia Alcantar, Adam Balz, Joey Esterline

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

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 Tryggstad- 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 VanWychen second by Adam Balz. Meeting Adjourned 6:14 p.m. Carried.

Recorded by Adrian Lockington Executive Assistant