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NOTICE OF MEETING

COMMITTEE:

BROADBAND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

DATE:

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

TIME:

5:00 p.m.

PLACE:

**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 February 28, 2023 Minutes
3. Updates on Current Efforts:
 - a. PSC Grant (2022) Award - Vernon Communications
 - b. Tomah & Warrens - Tomah School District Effort
 - c. Vendor updates: Coon Valley Telephone, Lynxx Network, Lumen / Brightspeed, Hillsboro Telephone
 - d. Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission <https://mrrpc.com/>
 - e. Monroe County Mapping/GIS Updates
 - f. BEAD (WI Broadcast, Equity, Access & Deployment) Local Planning Grant
 - g. Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth (OICG) - Carah Koch
 - h. National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)
 - i. U.S. Department of Commerce
 - j. Strategic Planning Committee – Broadband Input Discussion
4. Exploring Opportunities:
 - a. Budget Updates from County and/or other Sourcing
 - b. US Cellular Feedback/Information
 - c. Northern Monroe County Strategy Ideas - Cataract
 - d. Fort McCoy Feedback
 - e. Other/Upcoming
5. Updates to [Vendor Expectations & Broadband strategies](#)
6. Meeting Planning - Broadband Committee
 - a. Next Invite to Key Stakeholders
 - b. April 25, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. (4th Tuesday)
7. Adjournment

Jen Schmitz, Committee Chair

BROADBAND SPECIAL COMMITTEE - Date notices mailed: March 24, 2023

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.

- Jen Schmitz - Committee Chair
- Dennis Treu
- Rick Folkedahl
- Jim VanWychen
- Cedric Schnitzler
- Paul Potter
- Nidia Alcantar
- Adam Balz
- Joey Esterline

Broadband

February 28, 2023

Monroe County Board Assembly Room

Present: Rick Folkedahl, Adam Balz, Joey Esterline Jim VanWychen,

Others:

Web Ex: Jen Schmitz, Dennis Treu, Nidia Al

Mary VonRuden, Chris Hardie, Josh Motzer

Meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room by Vice chair Adam Balz.

Roll Call/Introductions

Motion by Joey Esterline second by Jim VanWychen to approve the January 24, 2023 meeting minutes. Carried.

Updates

- a. PSC Grant Award: VCC- No Update
- b. Tomah and Warrens- School Districts- Updates
- c. Vendor Updates: Josh Motzer gives introduction of Brightspeed.
- d. Mapping. Jeremiah Erickson Unable to attend. Update Given.
- e. BEAD Grant update.

Exploring Opportunities.

- a. Funding. DCIP Funding Opportunity
- b. US Cellular, No update
- c. Cataract, Update provided by Mary VonRuden
- d. Fort McCoy Feedback: no update

Vendor Expectations & Broadband Strategies No Update

Invited to next meeting: Jeremiah Erickson, Carah Koch

Discussion of Next Steps-

- Next Meeting Agenda Items
 - Updating Mapping of Broadband for County
 - Brightspeed
 - Fort McCoy
 - US Cellular

Meeting planning- Broadband Committee

Next invite to key Stakeholders

Next Meeting Date and Time – March 28, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Jim VanWychen second by Nidia Alcantar. Meeting Adjourned 5:42 p.m.

Carried.

Recorded by Rick Folkedahl IT Director