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NOTICE OF MEETING

COMMITTEE:

BROADBAND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

DATE:

Tuesday, April 25, 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 March 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. Grant Recommendation to EDT Committee Discussion
 - I. BEAD (WI Broadcast, Equity, Access & Deployment) Local Planning Grant
 - II. DCIP (Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program)
 - g. Strategic Planning Committee – Updates from March
 - h. County Survey by UW Extension
4. Exploring Opportunities:
 - a. US Cellular Feedback/Information
 - I. Jackson County
 - b. Fort McCoy Military Base Feedback
 - c. Other/Upcoming
5. Updates to [Vendor Expectations & Broadband strategies](#)
6. Meeting Planning - Broadband Committee
 - a. Next Invite to Key Stakeholders
 - b. May 23, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. (4th Tuesday)
7. Adjournment

Jen Schmitz, Committee Chair

BROADBAND SPECIAL COMMITTEE - Date notices mailed: April 20, 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.

Monroe County Broadband Committee

March 28, 2023

Present: Jen Schmitz, Rick Folkedahl, Cedric Schnitzler, Adam Balz, Jim VanWychen, Carrah Cook, Federal Program Office

Approved Absent: Joey Esterline, Dennis Treau

Others: Jeremiah Erickson, Mary Von Ruden, Adrian Lockington, Carah Koch, Garin Mayer-VCC, Tracy VonWorth- VCC

Web Ex- Chris Hardie, Roxie Anderson, Nidia Alcantar

Technical Difficulties: Meeting delayed. Web Ex Information listed on agenda was incorrect.

Meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Chair Jen Schmitz in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room.

Roll Call/Introductions

Motion by Adam Balz second by Cedric Schnitzler to approve the February 28, 2023 meeting minutes. - Motion to amend minutes by Rick Folkedahl second by Jim VanWychen to amend minutes to correct name spelling of Nidia Alcantar, agenda item e to reflect Roxie Anderson and Chris Hardie both provided updates, agenda item a to reflect Roxie Anderson provided update. Carried.

Updates on Current Efforts:

PSC Grant- 2022 Vernon Communications- Garin Mayer

- September 6, 2023 Construction Estimated Start Date. Materials Ordered and Staging area confirmed.

Tomah & Warrens School District- Jim VanWychen provides update

Vendor Updates- Nothing to report

Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission (MRRPC) -Not present

Monroe County Mapping/GIS Mapping- Discussion

- Jeremiah Erickson comments
- 7 Rivers Alliance- Chris Hardie comments on GEO Partners
- Continue to recommend speed tests and re circulate content

BEAD Grant- Roxie Anderson comments to application. Motion by Rick Folkedahl second by Jim VanWychen for Roxie Anderson to be appointed to move forward with the Grant application with support by Rick Folkedahl. Carried.

Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth- NTIA Carah Koch, US Department of Commerce – Presentation, useful information and tools- Discussion

Strategic Planning Committee- Adam Balz comments on the current SP and Broadband Input-Discussion

Exploring Opportunities:

- Budget Updates
- US Cellular Feedback/Information- Add to next month's agenda
- Northern Monroe County Strategy Ideas- Cataract Area
- Fort McCoy Military Base- Add to next month's agenda. Garin Mayer comments to VCC Efforts with Fort McCoy. Roxie comments to the Grant Opportunity.
- Other/Upcoming

Updates to Vendor Expectation & Broadband Strategies Link [Broadband Expectations for Vendors - Google Docs](#)

Next month Agenda Items:

- US Cellular
- Fort McCoy Military Base
- Grant Recommendations to EDT Committee – Discussion/Action
 - o BEAD (WI Broadcast, Equity, Access & Deployment) Local Planning Grant
 - o DCIP (Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program)

Next Meeting Date and time- April 25, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. (4th Tuesday) in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room.

Motion by Jim VanWychen second by Cedric Schnitzler to adjourn at 6:57 p.m.

Recorded By Adrian Lockington, Executive Assistant