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NOTICE OF MEETING

COMMITTEE:

BROADBAND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

DATE:

Tuesday, May 23, 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 April 25, 2023 Minutes
3. Public Comments (3 minutes per speaker limit)
4. 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, US Cellular
 - d. Monroe County Mapping/GIS Updates
 - e. Grant Recommendation to EDT Committee Discussion
 - I. BEAD (Broadband Equity and Accessibility) Local Planning Grant
 - II. DCIP (Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program) and Fort McCoy
 - f. Strategic Planning Committee – Updates from March
 - g. County Survey by UW Extension
5. Exploring Opportunities:
 - a. Jackson County
 - b. Other/Upcoming
6. Updates to [Vendor Expectations & Broadband strategies](#)
7. Meeting Planning - Broadband Committee
 - a. Next Invite to Key Stakeholders
 - b. June 27, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. (4th Tuesday)
 - c. July date/time adjustment
8. Adjournment

Jen Schmitz, Committee Chair

BROADBAND SPECIAL COMMITTEE - Date notices mailed: May 17, 2023

Committee Members: Jen Schmitz, Dennis Treu, Rick Folkedahl, Jim VanWycken, 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 Special Meeting

April 25, 2023

Present: Jen Schmitz, Cedric Schnitzler, Adam Balz, Joey Esterline, Richard Folkedahl, Jim VanWychen

WebEx: Chris Hardie, 7 Rivers Alliance, Marci Morgan, US Cellular, Chris Bernett,

Other: Adrian Lockington, Garin Mayer, Tracy Budworth, Nodji VanWychen, Chris Heffel, Lynxx, Al Hundt, Mary VonRuden

Meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by chair Jen Schmitz in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room.

Roll Call/Introductions

Motion by Cedric Schnitzler second by Rick Folkedahl to approve March 28, 2023 meeting minutes. Carried.

PSC Grant- Garin Mayer, VCC update on materials and attendance of upcoming township meetings.

- Public comment
- Tomah- Warrens – Tomah School District. Jim Van Wychen comments to efforts and DPI.
- Chris Heffel, Lynxx comments on their participation with Tomah. Updates on other projects in area.
- Chair Jen Schmitz modifies agenda items. Moves item 4a. To 3d.
US Cellular Feedback/Information/Jackson County- Marci Morgan speaks to US Cellular opportunities/efforts. Chris Hardie comments 7 Rivers Alliance supporting US Cellular.

May 15, 2023 BEAD Grant Meeting to be held in La Crosse. All participants involved is invited to attend.

Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission- No updates at this time

Monroe County Mapping/GIS Updates- Rick Folkedahl comments to mapping.

Grant Recommendation to EDT Committee Discussion

I. BEAD (WI Broadcast, Quality, and Access & Deployment) Local Planning Grant- Roxie comments to the application process and status. Adrian Lockington comments to Resolution Public Service Commission of Wisconsin and Monroe County Bread Grant. Motion by Jim VanWychen second by Joey Esterline to endorse the resolution as presented and to forward to the Economic Development and Tourism Committee. Carried.

II. DCIP (Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program – Jen Schmitz provides updates.

Strategic Planning Committee- Adam Balz comments to Strategic Planning.

County Survey by UW Extension- Jen Schmitz and Roxie Anderson comments. Committee participation, recommendations are due to May 5, 2023 to Roxie Anderson.

Exploring Opportunities

- Fort McCoy Military Base Feedback- No additional updates at this time.
- Other/Upcoming- No additional updates at this time.

Updates to Vendor Expectations & Broadband Strategies

Next month agenda items:

- Public Comment
- Grant Opportunities
- Vendor Updates

Next month meeting date May 23, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room.

Motion by Jim VanWychen second by Cedric Schnitzler to adjourn meeting at 6:26 p.m. Carried.

Recorded by Adrian Lockington, Executive Assistant.