

## Broadband Special Committee Meeting

May 23, 2023

Present: Jen Schmitz, Rick Folkedahl, Jim VanWychen, Cedric Schnitzler, Paul Potter, Adam Balz, Joey Esterline

Other: Adrian Lockington, Roxie Anderson, Nodji VanWychen, Jeremiah Erickson

WebEx: Chris Hardie

Approved Absent: Nidia Alcantar

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

### Roll Call

Motion to approve April 25, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Motion by Rick Folkedahl second by Adam Balz to amended minutes for spelling correction and attendance of Roxie Anderson. Carried.

PSC Grant 2022 Grant Award- Vernon Communications- Cedric comments to final invoice approved and processed.

Tomah & Warrens Area Updates- Tomah Area School District- Paul Potter comments to efforts and approval of right to use. Currently in RFP process.

Vendor Updates- no vendors in attendance

Monroe County Mapping/GIS Updates- Committee recommendation of promoting the 7 rivers alliance speed test. <https://www.7riversalliance.org/take-the-internet-speed-test/>

### Updates on Current Efforts:

- Grant Opportunities-
  - BEAD Grant Update- Roxie Anderson comments to status and upcoming application deadline.
  - DCIP Grant Update- Cedric Schnitzler comments to the endorsement of Fort McCoy to move forward with the application process. Roxie Anderson comments to status and upcoming application deadline.
- Strategic Planning Committee- Adam Balz comments to a recent Towns Association meeting that was held.
- County Survey by UW Extension- Roxie Anderson comments to the submitted survey. Confirmation has been received that survey was submitted.

### Exploring Opportunities:

- Jackson County- Jen Schmitz comments to efforts and potential opportunities

Next Month Agenda Items:

- Grant Opportunities
- Tomah and Warrens Area Efforts
- Speed Test
- Jackson County Efforts

Next Month meeting date and time- June 27, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room.

There will be no meeting held in the month of July. Committee confirmation that August 22, 2023 meeting shall remain the same.

Motion to adjourn by Jen Schmitz meeting at 6:03 p.m. second by Rick Folkedahl. Carried.