

Broadband Meeting

August 22, 2023

Present: Jen Schmitz, Adam Balz, Joey Esterline, Rick Folkedahl, Cedric Schnitzler, Jim VanWychen
Other: Adrian Lockington, Mary VonRuden, Roxie Anderson, Tracy Budworth- Vernon Communication Cooperative, Jeremiah Erickson
WebEx: Chris Heffel- Lynxx, Chris Bennett-Town of Sparta, Cindy Altman-Jackson County Clerk

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Jen Schmitz in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room.

Roll Call/Introductions-

Motion by Jim VanWychen second by Joey Esterline to approve meeting minutes from June 27, 2023 meeting. Carried.

Updates on Current Efforts

- PSC Grant- Vernon Communications, Tracy Budworth provides update on Groundbreaking, Drilling East of Hwy 27. Drop crews will follow along the drilling crew.
- Tomah/Warrens- Chris Heffel- Lynxx Provides updates

Grant Updates

- BEAD Grant- Roxie Anderson provides update
- DCIP (Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program) Monroe County did not receive award however we will get feedback on the applications.
- Upcoming Grant- PSC Application cycle open Applications Due Nov 7. Through the US Dept. of Treasury. Sept 8 & 14 Webinar for additional information. No matching fund required however highly encouraged.

Monroe County Mapping/GIS Updates

- Jeremiah Erickson provides updates on maps

Exploring Opportunities

- Neighbor County updates
 - Cindy Altman- Jackson County Update

Next Meeting Date September 26, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room.

Next month's meeting Agenda Items-

- PSC Grant Application/ EDT Update
- Wiser Speed Test and Marketing
- 7 Rivers/Geo Partners Speed Test Update

Motion to adjourn meeting by Adam Balz second by Jim VanWychen at 5:46 p.m. Carried.