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NOTICE OF MEETING

COMMITTEE:

BROADBAND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

DATE:

Tuesday, September 26, 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 August 22, 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. Grant Recommendation to EDT Committee Discussion
 - I. BEAD (Broadband Equity and Accessibility) Local Planning Grant
 - II. Other grants to be aware of
 - e. Monroe County Mapping/GIS Updates
 - I. Speed Tests – Messaging and Promotions
5. Exploring Opportunities:
 - a. Other/Upcoming
6. Updates to [Vendor Expectations & Broadband strategies](#)
7. Meeting Planning - Broadband Committee
 - a. Next Invite to Key Stakeholders
 - b. October 24, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.
8. Adjournment

Jen Schmitz, Committee Chair

Date notices mailed: September 22, 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 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.