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NOTICE OF MEETING

COMMITTEE:

BROADBAND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

DATE:

Tuesday, November 28, 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 October 24, 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: Lynxx Network, Coon Valley Telephone, Lumen / Brightspeed, Hillsboro Telephone, US Cellular, Bug Tussel
 - d. Grant Ideas and Work
 - 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. Ho-Chunk Nation
 - b. Connecting with Neighboring Counties
 - c. Other/Upcoming
6. Updates to [Vendor Expectations & Broadband strategies](#)
7. Meeting Planning - Broadband Committee
 - a. Next Invite to Key Stakeholders
 - b. No December Meeting
 - c. January 23, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
8. Adjournment

Jen Schmitz, Committee Chair

Date notices mailed: November 21, 2023

Committee Members: Jen Schmitz, Dennis Treu, Rick Folkedahl, Jim VanWychen, Cedric Schnitzler,
Paul Potter, Nidia Alcantar, Adam Balz, Joey Esterline, Chris Bernett

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

Oct 24, 2023

Present: Jen Schmitz, Adam Balz, Joey Esterline, Rick Folkedahl, Cedric Schnitzler, Chris Bennett, Dennis Treu (Webex)

Other: Mary VonRuden, Jeremiah Erickson, Kelly Shipley- Brightspeed, Roxie Anderson, Garin Mayer – Vernon Communication Cooperative

WebEx: Cindy Altman Jackson County, Tamaya Loewe Juneau County EDC

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 Joey Esterline second by Adam Balz to approve meeting minutes from September 26, 2023 meeting. Carried.

Updates on Current Efforts

- PSC Grant-Garin Mayer provides update on 2022 PSC Grant.
- Tomah/Warrens- No update provided.
- Brightspeed -Kelly Shipley provides Brightspeed introduction and update.
- Lynxx – No Update Provided.

Grant Updates

- BEAD Grant- Roxie Anderson, Garin Meyer, Kelly Shipley provides update
- DCIP (Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program) Roxie Anderson and Chris Bennett provide feedback received from DCIP workshop.
- Upcoming Grant- PSC Application cycle open Applications Due Nov 7.

Monroe County Mapping/GIS Updates

- Jeremiah Erickson Provided update.

Exploring Opportunities

- Tamaya Loewe update on where Juneau County, and provides opportunity to explore connecting with neighboring counties to strengthen regional broadband initiatives.
- Cindy Altman provide update on Jackson County's Broadband

Next Meeting Date November 28, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room.

Next month's meeting Agenda Items-

- Identify road construction to potential work with providers

Motion to adjourn meeting by Joey Esterline second by Dennis Treu at 6:08 p.m. Carried.