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NOTICE OF MEETING

COMMITTEE:

BROADBAND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

DATE:

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

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 November 28, 2023 Minutes
3. Public Comments (3 minutes per speaker limit)
4. Updates on Current Efforts:
 - a. PSC Grant (2022) Award - Vernon Communications
 - I. Town Contributions
 - b. Tomah & Warrens - Tomah School District Effort
 - c. Vendor updates: Lynxx Network, Coon Valley Telephone, 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
 - f. [PSC website/homepage for Broadband](#)
5. Exploring Opportunities:
 - a. Monroe County Towns Association Meeting – February 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
 - b. Ho-Chunk Nation
 - c. Neighboring Counties Connections
 - d. Other/Upcoming
6. Updates to [Vendor Expectations & Broadband strategies](#)
7. Meeting Planning - Broadband Committee
 - a. Next Invite to Key Stakeholders
 - b. February 27, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
8. Adjournment

Jen Schmitz, Committee Chair

Date notices mailed: January 18, 2024

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

Nov 28, 2023

Present: Jen Schmitz, Adam Balz, Joey Esterline, Rick Folkedahl, Chris Bernett, Jim VanWychen,

Other: Mary VonRuden, Jeremiah Erickson, , Roxie Anderson, Garin Mayer – Vernon Communication Cooperative , Nodji VanWychen

WebEx:

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 Jim VanWychen second by Joey Esterline to approve meeting minutes from October 24, 2023 meeting. Carried.

Updates on Current Efforts

- PSC Grant-Garin Mayer provides update on 2022 PSC Grant.
- Tomah/Warrens- Update provided by Jim VanWychen
- Brightspeed -No Update provided.
- Lynxx – No Update Provided.

Grant Updates

- Capitol Project Fund – Roxie Anderson provided update.
- BEAD Grant- Roxie Anderson provided update
- DCIP update – Roxie Anderson provided feedback from recap meeting

Monroe County Mapping/GIS Updates

- Jeremiah Erickson Provided update.

Exploring Opportunities

- Jen Schmitz has reached out to invite the IT Director of the Ho Chunk Nation to attend a meeting.

Next Meeting Date January 23, 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
- BEAD

Motion to adjourn meeting by Jim VanWychen second by Adam Balz at 6:07 p.m. Carried.