

# Broadband Meeting

Jan 23, 2024

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

Other: Mary VonRuden, , Roxie Anderson, Tracy – Vernon Communication Cooperative , Nodji VanWychen, Nate Abbot

WebEx: Cindy Altman Jackson County, Grant Bub, Mike Bub, Kenny Zenner, Russel Berg, Jeremiah Erickson, Gene Knoll

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 Nov 28, 2023 meeting. Carried.

Updates on Current Efforts

- PSC Grant-Tracy provides update on 2022 PSC Grant.
- Tomah/Warrens school district effort- Update provided by Paul Potter
- Brightspeed – Update provided by Roxie Anderson.
- Lynxx – No Update Provided.

Grant Updates

- BEAD Grant- Roxie Anderson provided update
- DCIP Grant – Roxie Anderson provided update

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.
- Neighboring Counties Connection – Taylor County – Mike Bub of Taylor County Provided update on how Taylor County's Broadband initiative is going.

Next Meeting Date February 27, 2024 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 Adam Balz second by Jim VanWychen at 6:18 p.m. Carried.