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NOTICE OF MEETING

BROADBAND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE:

DATE:

TIME:

PLACE:

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

5:00 p.m.

Monroe County

County Board Assembly Room

210 W. Oak Street, Room 1200

Sparta, WI 54656

SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions
2. Approval of February 27, 2024 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, 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. Neighboring Counties Connections
 - b. Ho-Chunk Nation
 - c. Other/Upcoming
6. Updates to [Vendor Expectations & Broadband strategies](#)
7. Meeting Planning - Broadband Committee
 - a. Next Invite to Key Stakeholders
 - b. April 23, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
8. Adjournment

Jen Schmitz, Committee Chair

Date notices mailed: March 21, 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

Feb 27, 2024

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

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

WebEx: Roxie Anderson, Chris Hardie, Chris Heffel

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 Jan 23, 2024 meeting. Carried.

Updates on Current Efforts

- PSC Grant-Garin Mayer provided update.
- Tomah/Warrens school district effort- Update provided by Chris Heffel
- Brightspeed – No update given.
- Lynxx – No update provided.

Grant Updates

- BEAD Grant- Roxie Anderson provides update on Challenge process for BEAD Grant

Monroe County Mapping/GIS Updates

- Jeremiah Erickson Provided update about Towns Association meeting.

Towns Association Meeting

- Jen Schmitz provides update.

Exploring Opportunities

- Chris Hardie provides update.
- Jen Schmitz provides updates she has received from other counties.

Next Meeting Date March 26, 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 Jim VanWychen second by Joey Esterline at 5:54p.m. Carried.