Broadband Meeting

April 23, 2024

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

Other: Mary VonRuden, Garin Mayer – Vernon Communication Cooperative, Jeremiah Erickson, Remy Gomez

WebEx: Chris Heffel, Cindy Altman – Jackson County, Roxie Anderson

Meeting was called to order at 5:00p.m. by Chair Jen Schmitz in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room.

Roll Call/Introductions-

Motion by Nidia Alcantar second by Jim VanWychen to approve meeting minutes from Mar 26, 2024 meeting. Carried.

Updates on Current Efforts
- PSC Grant- Garin provided Vernon Communications Cooperative update on progress.
- Tomah/Warrens school district effort- Paul Potter and Chris Heffel provides update on progress.
- Brightspeed – No update provided.
- Lynxx – No update provided.

Grant Updates
- BEAD Grant- Roxie Anderson provides updates on the grant, the finances, and the challenge process for the BEAD Grant.
- DCIP – Roxie Anderson provided update on information being disseminated in regard to DCIP.
- DCIP – Roxie Anderson will follow up on getting the approval for DCIP

Monroe County Mapping/GIS Updates
- Jeremiah Erickson provided update on the number of Speed test results.
- Jen Schmitz leads discussion on how to promote speed tests and broadband.

Exploring Opportunities
- The committee offered up suggestions on how to promote broadband, broadband testing, and how to get the information out.

Next Meeting Date June 25, 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 Dennis Treu at 5:55p.m. Carried.