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COMMITTEE:

DATE:

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NOTICE OF MEETING

BROADBAND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 25, 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 April 23, 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. DCIP Grant
 - III. Other grants to be aware of
 - e. Monroe County Mapping/GIS Updates
 - I. Speed Tests – Messaging and Promotions
 - II. [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. July 23, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
8. Adjournment

Jen Schmitz, Committee Chair

Date notices mailed: June 21, 2024

Committee Members: Jen Schmitz, Dennis Treu, Rick Folkedahl, Jim VanWychen, Wallace Habegger,
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

April 23, 2024

Present: Jen Schmitz, Adam Balz, Rick Folkedahl, Chris Bennett, Jim VanWychen, Cedric Schnitzler, Nidia Alcantar, Dennis Treu, Paul Potter, Wallace Habegger, 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.