



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Dane County Broadband Task Force

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Thursday, March 3, 2022

9:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

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A. Call To Order

Staff present: Pam Andros, Lauren Kuhl, Josh Schroeder, Sharon Lezberg

Present 12 - DAVE RIPP, KATE MCGINNITY, TODD VIOLANTE, RENEE LAUBER, MELISSA RATCLIFF, BOB WIPPERFURTH, BILL DICKMEYER, DEANA ZENTNER, JOYCE TIKALSKY, ANDREW HOYOS, PETER WEIL, and CATHY SUTTER

Absent 3 - MICHELLE JENSEN, JAMES DANKY, and SARAH GHEE

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2021 MIN-649](#) Minutes of the 2/3/22 Dane County Broadband Task Force Meeting

Attachments: [2021 MIN-649](#)

A motion was made by TIKALSKY, seconded by ZENTNER, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.

C. Action Items

D. Presentations

1. Door County Broadband Engineering Study

Door County Administrator Ken Pabich presenting

Administrator Pabich reviewed Door County's broadband study with the Task Force. Additional information on the study can be found at the link below.

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Discussion continued with Task Force members asking Administrator Pabich questions about the study.

E. Reports to Committee

1. Review draft resolution for a consultant

Pam Andros presenting

Staff will discuss with DOA about what can and cannot be used with ARPA funds. Staff will also continue to talk with Door county about their study and gather more information.

The goal is to introduce the resolution to the Dane County Board of Supervisors on March 17th to go through the committee process.

2. [2021 RES-382](#) COMMITTING MATCHING FUNDS FOR A PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION BROADBAND EXPANSION GRANT

Sponsors: DOOLAN, DOWNING, RIPP, CHAWLA, RATCLIFF, MCGINNITY, SMITH, HATCHER, JOERS, CHENOWETH, RITT and DOYLE

Attachments: [2021 RES-382](#)
[2021 RES-382 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[BroadbandExpansionMaps](#)
[2021 RES-382 SIGNED COPY](#)

Supervisor Ripp presenting

Ripp discussed a current PSC broadband grant application, what areas the grant would cover, and the process for Dane County providing the ARPA funds.

3. Review of 2/28 public hearing

Chair Ratcliff discussed recent public hearing.

Revised video about the Task Force and broadband in Dane County can be viewed at the link below.

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4. Discuss and brainstorm initial Task Force recommendations

Task Force discussed initial broadband recommendations.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Public Hearing scheduled for March 4th at 9:00am.

Next regular task force meeting scheduled for April 7th at 9:00am.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

A motion was made by VIOLANTE, seconded by DICKMEYER, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:33am.

Respectfully submitted by Josh Schroeder, pending Task Force approval