



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, May 5, 2022

9:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

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A. Call To Order

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

The meeting was called to order by Ratcliff at 9:00 a.m.

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

Absent 3 - MICHELLE JENSEN, DEANA ZENTNER, and SARAH GHEE

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2022
MIN-020](#)

Minutes of the April 7, 2022 Dane County Broadband Task Force Meeting

Attachments: [2022 MIN-020](#)

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

C. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

D. Action Items

None

E. Presentations

None

F. Reports to Committee

1. Broadband Infrastructure Engineering Assessment RFP Update

Andros presenting

RFP has gone out with the final deadline for submittal being May 25th, 2022. Interview for applicants will take place after the submittal deadline with project start date being mid-June. Projected timeline for completion of Broadband Infrastructure Engineering Assessment around six to ten months.

2. Survey update

Survey results were discussed with the Task Force.

758 mail-in responses

120 online responses were completed by people who received a mailed survey.

2055 online surveys were completed by people who were not mailed a survey.

Survey Report from UW River Falls Research Center was initially going to be released to Task Force on May 31st, but with the extension of the survey the report will likely be released mid-June.

3. [2022 RPT-020](#) Draft Outline for Task Force Report

Attachments: [Structure of Report](#)

Kuhl presenting

Kuhl reviewed structure of the report with Task Force Members.

4. Review recommendation breakdown

Lezberg presenting

Sharon Lezberg reviewed brainstormed items and Task Force Members discussed changes.

Discussion ensued about possible recommendations.

5. Discuss Task Force Extension

Discussion ensued about Dane County Broadband Task Force extension.

6. Discuss advocacy

Lezberg, Lauber, and Wipperfurth presenting

Task Force discussed different advocacy options, the limitation set by WI state statute, and PSC grant requirements.

7. Discuss potential second meeting in June

Task Force discussed potential need for secondary meeting in June. June 23rd discussed as option for the second monthly meeting.

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

June 2nd, 2022 at 9:00am - Regularly scheduled Broadband Task Force meeting

June 23rd, 2022 at 9:00am - Potential second monthly Broadband Task Force meeting

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Josh Schroeder, pending Task Force approval