



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Dane County Broadband Task Force

Thursday, September 8, 2022

9:00 AM

Remote Meeting

Remote Meeting

A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Ratcliff at 9:01 am.

Present 14 - KATE MCGINNITY, TODD VIOLANTE, RENEE LAUBER, MELISSA RATCLIFF, BOB WIPPERFURTH, BILL DICKMEYER, MICHELLE JENSEN, DEANA ZENTNER, JOYCE TIKALSKY, PETER WEIL, SARAH GHEE, JEFF GLAZER, SHAWN BELLING, and SARAH EDGERTON

Absent 1 - ANDREW HOYOS

B. Introductions

Task Force members introduced themselves.

C. Election of Officers

1. Chair

Wipperfurth nominates Supervisor Ratcliff.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Vice-Chair

Supervisor McGinnity nominates Supervisor Glazer.

The motion carried unanimously.

D. Consideration of Minutes

[2022](#)
[MIN-245](#)

Minutes of the June 23, 2022 Dane County Broadband Task Force

Attachments: [2022 MIN-245](#)

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

E. Action Items

None

F. Presentations

None

G. Reports to Committee

1. [2022 RPT-302](#) Discuss the 2021-2022 Broadband Task Force Report, including key takeaways

Attachments: [2021-2022 Dane County Broadband Task Force Report](#)
[2021-2022 Dane County Broadband Task Force Report Appendix](#)

Ratcliff reviewed presentation that was shown to the Dane County Board of Supervisors.

Task Force members discussed recommendations.

2. Next steps for the Task Force, including the focus of the Task Force

McGinnity presented

McGinnity talked about implementing recommendations of the Task Force report and the roadblocks that Dane County residents face.

Tikalasky discussed Affordable Connectivity program - <https://www.fcc.gov/acp>

3. [2022 RPT-303](#) NTIA broadband grants

Attachments: [Grant Information Webpage](#)

Sharon Lezberg presented

Government Affairs Director Carrie Springer sent information to staff about the NTIA broadband grants. Springer highlighted application deadlines for these grants.

What is the role of the Task Force in the following areas

Identify grants opportunities

Communication with local government and community organize about grant availability

Supporting entities of local governments and community organization with applications for those grants

4. [2022 RES-093](#) AUTHORIZING FUNDS FOR HIRING A CONSULTANT FOR A BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEERING ASSESSMENT AND COORDINATION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF FIBER BROADBAND THROUGHOUT DANE COUNTY

Sponsors: RATCLIFF, MCGINNITY, JOERS, HATCHER, ENGELBERGER, BOLLIG, WRIGHT, DOWNING, RITT, HUELSEMAN, GLAZER and HYNES

Attachments: [2022 RES-093](#)

[Proposed Sub 2022 RES-093](#)

[SUB 1 to 2022 RES-093](#)

[2022 RES-093 FISCAL NOTE](#)

[2022 RES-093 CONTRACT #14829](#)

[SUB 1 TO 2022 RES-093 SIGNED COPY](#)

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Alexandra Andros presented

Consultant starting work mid-September. Consultant already started doing background research. Goal of completing current assessment by the end of November.

5. Next meeting items

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

*Hybrid meeting structure for future meeting.
October 6th, 2022 at 9:00am*

Legislative Liaison Carrie Springer to present on the qualifications for how Broadband funds can be used.

Update on the dig once pilot.

I. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

K. Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted by Josh Schroeder, pending Task Force approval