



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Dane County Broadband Task Force

Thursday, May 4, 2023

9:00 AM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the CityThis is a
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Building, Room 354, 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd;
Attend virtually via Zoom.

See below for additional instructions on how to attend the meeting and provide public testimony.

A. Call To Order

*Others Present: Lauren Kuhl, Majid Allen, Josh Schroeder, Jeff Whitman (AECOM),
Chris Stark (UW Ext)*

Meeting called to order by Chair Ratcliff at 9:02 AM.

Digiovanni joined at 9:05 AM.

Weil joined at 9:30 AM.

Present 11 - KATE MCGINNITY, TODD VIOLANTE, RENEE LAUBER, MELISSA RATCLIFF,
BOB WIPPERFURTH, BILL DICKMEYER, DEANA ZENTNER, JOYCE
TIKALSKY, PETER WEIL, JEFF GLAZER, and DAVID DIGIOVANNI

Excused 1 - SARAH EDGERTON

Absent 3 - MICHELLE JENSEN, ANDREW HOYOS, and SARAH GHEE

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2023
MIN-065](#)

Minutes of the March 2, 2023 Dane County Broadband Task Force Meeting

Attachments: [2023 MIN-065](#)

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

C. Action Items

None

D. Presentations

None

E. Reports to Committee

1. AECOM Progress Update

Jeff Whitman from AECOM presenting

Update provided to Task Force on municipality meetings on unserved areas. In depth information on these meetings will be included in the final report to the Task Force.

2. [2023 RPT-070](#) Summary of May 3, 2023 Listening Session

Attachments: [Broadband Listening Session](#)

Ratcliff gave updates on the 05/04/23 listening session at the Alliant Energy Center.

3. [2023 RES-042](#) ACCEPTING FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM OUTREACH GRANT FUNDS

Sponsors: RATCLIFF, GLAZER, HUELSEMANN, JOERS and ROSE

Attachments: [2023 RES-042 SUB to 2023 RES-042 \(PROPOSED - RATCLIFF\)](#)
[2023 RES-042 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2023 RES-042 CONTRACT #15100](#)

Majid Allen presenting

Grant information provided to the Task Force along with information regarding the hiring of two LTEs to assist with the rollout of this program.

A motion was made by GLAZER, seconded by MCGINNITY, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote.

4. Extension overview of digital equity focus groups

Chris Stark from UW Extension presenting

Overview of digital equity focus groups provided to the Task Force. Additional information received from these focus groups was discussed.

Discussion continued about work done by UW Extension throughout the state.

Glazer chaired the Task Force for the rest of the meeting.

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5. Update from Task Force Member Joyce Tikalsky – Public Wifi Access Points

Discussion ensued about the City of Stoughton's project of placing wifi in their city parks.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next meeting of the Dane County Boardband Task Force will occur in a hybrid format on June 1st at 9:00am.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

I. Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Josh Schroeder, Pending Task Force Approval