



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Dane County Broadband Task Force

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Thursday, December 7, 2023

9:00 AM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the City-County Building, room 354, 210 MLK Jr. Blvd. Madison, WI. There will also be a Virtual Zoom Meeting: See top of agenda for instructions on how to join the webinar or call in by phone.

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

#### A. Call To Order

*Staff: Josh Schroeder, Jaron McCallum, Majid Allen, Cass Hill*

Chair Ratcliff called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

**DICKMEYER JOINED AT 9:04 AM.**

- Present** 10 - KATE MCGINNITY, TODD VIOLANTE, RENEE LAUBER, MELISSA RATCLIFF, BOB WIPPERFURTH, BILL DICKMEYER, DEANA ZENTNER, PETER WEIL, JEFF GLAZER, and SARAH EDGERTON
- Excused** 2 - JOYCE TIKALSKY, and DAVID DIGIOVANNI
- Absent** 2 - MICHELLE JENSEN, and SARAH GHEE

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2023 MIN-410](#) Minutes of the November 2, 2023 Dane County Broadband Task Force meeting.

**Attachments:** [2023 MIN-410.pdf](#)

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

#### C. Action Items

- 1. [2023 ACT-226](#) Letter from Dane County Broadband Task Force regarding Affordable Connectivity Program funding

**Attachments:** [ACP Letter](#)

*Jaron McCallum presenting  
McCallum discussed subscribers within Dane County, and that the funds for the program are projected to run out around April of 2024.*

*Discussion ensued about additional funding for the program, and what would happen after the funds run out.*

**A motion was made by GLAZER, seconded by MCGINNITY, that the Action Item be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.**

- 2. [2023 RES-242](#) AMENDING THE 2024 OPERATING BUDGET TO ALLOCATE FUND FOR BROADBAND EXPANSION

**Sponsors:** RATCLIFF, ROSE, HATCHER, McCARVILLE, ERICKSON, MCGINNITY, HUELSEMANN, ENGELBERGER, GLAZER, MILES and DOOLAN

**Attachments:** [2023 RES-242](#)  
[2023 RES-242 Fiscal Note](#)  
[2023 RES-242 SIGNED COPY](#)

*Ratcliff discussed resolution with the Task Force.*

**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.**

## D. Presentations

## E. Reports to Committee

### 1. Broadband Coordinator Updates

*Jaron presenting*

- PSC capital projects funds opened up and closed earlier last month. Two apps submitted. Charter, Dunkirk rutland and dane county 2 million. Apps to be reviewed late winter early spring. ATT fiber project cottage sun prairie app was a bit more focused.
- Towns meeting cottage grove on 12/6/23 - 6pm-830pm
  - Topics included
    - Why broadband is important
    - Past, Present, and Future of broadband expansion
    - Funding for broadband
- new broadband webpage where there is a bunch of information on broadband [www.Broadband.countyofdane.com](http://www.Broadband.countyofdane.com)
- AECOM final report with edits included finished. 1-2 page preface being created

2. Discuss the direction of the Broadband Task Force and meeting schedule

*Discussion ensued between Task Force members regarding the following items*

*-End date of the Dane County Broadband Task Force*

*-Meeting schedule for the Task Force*

*-Makeup of the Task Force*

*-Possible additional presentations to the Task Force*

**A motion was made by LAUBER, seconded by ZENTNER, that the number of meetings of the Dane County Broadband Task Force be reduced. The motion carried unanimously.**

**F. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

*The next meeting is February 1st, 2024 at 9:00am and will take place in a hybrid format.*

**G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**

**H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

**I. Adjourn**

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

**The meeting adjourned at 9:41am.**

**Minutes respectfully submitted by Josh Schroeder, pending Task Force approval**