



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Dane County Broadband Task Force

Thursday, October 5, 2023

9:00 AM This is a Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at City-County
Building, Room 354, 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd;
Attend virtually via Zoom.

A. Call To Order

Staff Present: Jaron McCallum, Lauren Kuhl, Majid Allen, Josh Schroeder
Others Present: Eric Bathras (AECOM)

Chair RATCLIFF called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

CASS HILL attending on behalf of Sarah Edgerton
VIOLANTE joined at 9:07 AM.

Present 10 - KATE MCGINNITY, TODD VIOLANTE, RENEE LAUBER, MELISSA RATCLIFF,
BOB WIPPERFURTH, BILL DICKMEYER, DEANA ZENTNER, JOYCE TIKALSKY,
PETER WEIL, and DAVID DIGIOVANNI

Excused 2 - ANDREW HOYOS, and JEFF GLAZER

Absent 2 - MICHELLE JENSEN, and SARAH GHEE

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2023 MIN-307](#) Minutes of the September 7, 2023 Dane County Broadband Task Force Meeting

Attachments: [2023 MIN-307](#)

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

C. Action Items

1. [2023 RPT-318](#) Final review and approval of Dane County Engineering Assessment Report of Recommendations

Attachments: [DRAFT 2.3 Final Report Submittal](#)

A motion was made by DICKMEYER, seconded by WIPPERFURTH, to approve the report with an edit for middle mile expansion so the recommendation is more generic and suggests middle mile expansion using other entities like MUFN, rather than focusing solely on MUFN, and grant staff the authority to make non-substantial edits, changes, and additions to comprehensively incorporate the recommendations made by the Dane County Broadband Task Force into the report. The final version will be sent to Task Force members. The motion carried by a voice vote, with WEIL voting against the motion.

D. Presentations

E. Reports to Committee

1. Updates from the Dane County Broadband Coordinator

Jaron McCallum presenting

Gave brief overview of the below documents released by the Public Service Commission (PSC) and the WI Broadband Office.

-Broadband Equity Access and Development (BEAD) 5 year plan

-WI digital equity plan

-BEAD initial proposal volume one

Capital project funds grants still open at the PSC, and Jaron will continue to have conversations with ISPs and local municipalities about application for the grant.

Will report back on broadband workshops he will be attending the following week.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

November 2, 2023, in person and virtual

Future Items: Broadband Coordinator updates related to community outreach, next steps for the Broadband Task Force. Jaron will also provide an update on what he has been working on in his last six weeks.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Josh Schroeder, pending Task Force approval