



# 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?*

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Thursday, January 6, 2022

9:00 AM

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#### A. Call To Order

**Present** 11 - DAVE RIPP, KATE MCGINNITY, RENEE LAUBER, MELISSA RATCLIFF, BOB WIPPERFURTH, BILL DICKMEYER, MICHELLE JENSEN, DEANA ZENTNER, JOYCE TIKALSKY, ANDREW HOYOS, and JAMES DANKY

**Absent** 4 - TODD VIOLANTE, PETER WEIL, CATHY SUTTER, and SARAH GHEE

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2021](#)  
[MIN-522](#)

Minutes of the December 2, 2021 Dane County Broadband Task Force Meeting

**Attachments:** [2021 MIN-522](#)

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

**Present** 13 - DAVE RIPP, KATE MCGINNITY, TODD VIOLANTE, RENEE LAUBER, MELISSA RATCLIFF, BOB WIPPERFURTH, BILL DICKMEYER, MICHELLE JENSEN, DEANA ZENTNER, JOYCE TIKALSKY, ANDREW HOYOS, JAMES DANKY, and CATHY SUTTER

**Absent** 2 - PETER WEIL, and SARAH GHEE

#### C. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

#### D. Action Items

None

#### E. Presentations

## 1. Middle Mile Presentation

*Griselda Aldrete and Kathryn Wilhelm from Alliant Energy presented on middle mile infrastructure.*

*Dickmeyer inquired about how MUFN overlays or is complimentary to Alliant's middle mile network.*

*Wilhelm indicated that the middle mile infrastructure was designed to tie their facilities to each other. The middle mile infrastructure would be something that MUFN could connect the last mile in different areas of the county.*

*Danky inquired about dig once related to running fiber where natural gas was run throughout southern Dane County*

*Wilhelm indicated they have not talked with communities on this yet, but will get more information to share.*

*Wipperfurth inquired about leasing out fiber lines*

*Wilhelm indicated the PSC is very supportive of leasing fiber lines.*

*Tikalsky asked if underground is the sole way of distributing fiber.*

*Wilhelm indicated that for their purposes they put everything underground because it is the most secure. It is also the most expensive. There are other ways to install fiber, but there are other things to consider.*

*Lauber asked if the map that was shown could be more interactive and easy to use. Also asked if a municipality is trying to partner for a grant, if they should contact Alliant Energy or ISP.*

*Wilhelm said a municipality could contact them, but because they are a utility they are regulated they need to remain nondiscriminatory and are still trying to find a path forward. Also noted that there is interactive data that could be shared following an NDA.*

[2021](#)  
[PRES-214](#)

Dane County: Middle Mile Infrastructure

**Attachments:** [2021 PRES-214](#)

**Present** 14 - DAVE RIPP, KATE MCGINNITY, TODD VIOLANTE, RENEE LAUBER, MELISSA RATCLIFF, BOB WIPPERFURTH, BILL DICKMEYER, MICHELLE JENSEN, DEANA ZENTNER, JOYCE TIKALSKY, ANDREW HOYOS, JAMES DANKY, PETER WEIL, and CATHY SUTTER

**Absent** 1 - SARAH GHEE

## F. Reports to Committee

1. [2021 DISC-055](#) Review Dane County Broadband Task Force Resolution

**Attachments:** [2020 RES-415](#)

*Ratcliff reviewed the resolution outlining what the goals and outcomes of the task force are.*

## 2. Discuss Public Hearings

*Sharon Lezberg facilitated discussion regarding public input.*

*Including public hearings, open-ended survey, community based in-person input at public meetings at the local level, poster board at public places, testimonials collected by task force*

*Discussion ensued brainstorming ways to collect public input and the public hearing format.*

*Staff will send a Doodle poll to members to schedule the hearings.*

## 3. Review Mapping

*Task force members shared their experience completing the MadRep test, as well as efforts to share the speed test.*

## G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

*February 3, 2022 at 9:00am*

## H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

*None*

## I. Adjourn

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

**Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.**

**Respectfully submitted by Lauren Kuhl, pending Taskforce approval**