



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?

Thursday, February 3, 2022

9:00 AM

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A. Call To Order

Staff Present: Lauren Kuhl, Sharon Lezburg, Pam Andros

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

Present 11 - DAVE RIPP, KATE MCGINNITY, TODD VIOLANTE, MELISSA RATCLIFF, BOB WIPPERFURTH, BILL DICKMEYER, DEANA ZENTNER, JOYCE TIKALSKY, PETER WEIL, CATHY SUTTER, and SARAH GHEE

Excused 1 - JAMES DANKY

Absent 3 - RENEE LAUBER, MICHELLE JENSEN, and ANDREW HOYOS

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2021 MIN-588](#) Minutes of the January 6, 2022 Dane County Broadband Task Force Meeting

Attachments: [2021 MIN-588](#)

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

C. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

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D. Presentations

1. Overview of final rule from Department of Treasury regarding ARPA funds and Broadband

County Controller Chuck Hicklin presented on the use of American Rescue Plan Act funds related to Broadband.

Funds need to be used to get households at the speeds the regulations require. Things like pre-broadband costs are allowed.

McGinnity inquired about the 100/100 speed requirements.

Wipperfurth inquired about the limits on the County regarding owning the infrastructure

[2021
PRES-236](#)

ARP RULES GOVERNING BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE

Attachments: [2021 PRES-236](#)

E. Action Items

1. Discussion and Action on Survey

Dr. Burney presented on the map that shows FCC coverage and which populations areas will be surveyed.

Those with more than 80% coverage will not be included. Percentage of surveys will be proportionate to the population. Statistically 350 responses are required, due to the desire to map the data the population will be oversampled.

Ripp asked if DSL is considered broadband for this mapping purpose.

Dickmeyer clarified if the definition that is being used for service is 25/3

Weil inquired about DSL

Zentner inquired about the north vs south breakdown – asked what is the underlying reason the north is considered significantly underserved.

Dr. Burney noted that this is the first pass to identify lack of access, what is causing this lack of access will be another pass.

Hoyos commented that the data that is being used to determine where the survey will go is a little outdated.

Discussion ensued around what speed to use in the survey questions as well as other survey questions.

A motion was made by DICKMEYER, seconded by HOYOS, to approve the questions with edits as discussed. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Reports to Committee

1. Discuss public hearings

February 28th and March 4th

*Ideally will hear success stories, issues with service
Communication pieces reviewed*

2. Discuss staff recommendation regarding a potential broadband consultant

*Marathon County: <a href
"https://www.co.marathon.wi.us/Portals/0/Departments/CAD/Documents/Broadband_repo
rt_final.pdf" a>*

*Door County:
<a href
"https://doorcountypulse.com/assessment-offers-broadband-blueprint-for-door-county/"
a>*

*Andros gave an overview of what a consultant may be able to do to assist the task force
with recommendations. The idea would be this is an engineering consultant.*

**A motion was made by WIPPERFURTH, seconded by MCGINNITY, that the
staff move forward with the process. The motion carried unanimously.**

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

*Public Hearing on February 28 from 6-8:30 p.m., regular meeting March 3rd from 9 to 11
a.m. and then public hearing on March 4 from 9 to 11:30 a.m.*

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Kuhl, pending Taskforce approval