



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Dane County Broadband Task Force

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

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.

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

A. Call To Order

Staff present: Jaron McCallum and Lauren Kuhl

Supervisors Glazer called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Present 7 - RENEE LAUBER, BOB WIPPERFURTH, JEFF GLAZER, DON POSTLER, RANDY UDELL, JOHN VAN OUYEN, and ADAM RASCHKA

Absent 1 - SARAH EDGERTON

1. Introductions

Task Force members introduced themselves, Supervisor Glazer provided background on the various iterations of the task force and efforts that have been completed.

B. Election of Officers

1. Election of Chair

A motion was made by POSTLER, and seconded by WIPPERFURTH, to nominate GLAZER for Dane County Broadband Task Force Chair.
The vote passed on a voice vote.

2. Election of Vice Chair

A motion was made by GLAZER, and seconded by WIPPERFURTH, to nominate POSTLER for Dane County Broadband Task Force Vice Chair.
The vote passed on a voice vote.

C. Consideration of Minutes

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Minutes of April 4th, 2024 Dane County Broadband Task Force

Attachments: [2024 MIN-098](#)

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

D. Action Items

E. Presentations

1. Committee Orientation

Jaron provided a brief committee orientation for Task Force members.

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DANE COUNTY BROADBAND TASK FORCE - MEMBER ORIENTATION

Attachments: [2024 PRES-030.pdf](#)

F. Reports to Committee

1. Overview of Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program

Jaron provided an overview of the BEAD program, which is a large amount of funding that the State of Wisconsin will receive – just over \$1 billion to the State of Wisconsin, \$42.5 Billion for the nation. The highest priority is the areas that are considered unserved, followed by those that are underserved.

Udell asked about how the \$1 billion to the state will be broken down by county. Jaron explained that there is no breakdown by county.

The timeline for BEAD potentially early 2025 when funds will be eligible to apply for. Currently going through the challenge process as to which addresses are/are not eligible.

Glazer asked for clarification as to what a public-private partnership. Typically ISP is the primary applicant, county and municipalities play a role. Additional points are awarded for local endorsement.

Wipperfurth asked if the DCCVA and DCTA provided a letter of support if that is beneficial. Jaron explained that a variety of letters of support are beneficial including unique stories about specific examples where broadband would provide a benefit.

Jaron encouraged Task Force members to check the PSC website and review the BEAD map to check addresses

Van Ooyen asked Jaron to share the challenges of BEAD. Jaron responded that some of the strings that come along with applying for the funds may be too burdensome for providers, so potentially will walk away, although there have been a lot of providers that have indicated they are interested in applying.

Van Ooyen shared concerns about the modeling for costs and complying with the various requirements.

Glazer noted that the misconception of BEAD is that it is a lot of money, but not nearly enough.

Raschka indicated that he agrees with everything that has been said, and even large providers are dealing with the same challenges as other providers.

2. Meeting Schedule Going Forward

Meet every other month, First Wednesday at 9:00, next meeting will be August 7 at 9:00am.

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next meeting will be on August 7th at 9:00am in a hybrid format.

H. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

J. Adjourn

A motion was made by UDELL, seconded by VAN OUYEN, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:57am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lauren Kuhl, pending Task Force approval