



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Dane County Broadband Task Force

Wednesday, October 9, 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

Present 8 - RENEE LAUBER, BOB WIPPERFURTH, JEFF GLAZER, SARAH EDGERTON,
DON POSTLER, RANDY UDELL, ADAM RASCHKA, and TODD VIOLANTE
Excused 1 - JOHN VAN OUYEN

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2024](#)
[MIN-262](#) MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 7, 2024 DANE COUNTY BROADBAND TASK
FORCE

Attachments: [2024 MIN-262](#)

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

C. Action Items

D. Presentations

E. Reports to Committee

1. Broadband Coordinator Updates

a. Continued Discussion on the role of Dane County, Municipalities, and Internet Service Providers in the BEAD (Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment) Program

Jaron McCallum presenting

Primary focus of today's discussion will be around the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Program (BEAD), but that additional funding still exists from both the Rural Digital Opportunity Funds (RDOF) and the Enhanced Alternative Connect America Cost Model (Enhanced ACAM or EACAM).

Jaron gave an overview of the BEAD program, and answered questions from task force members. Review of ISPs that have submitted the required letter of intent for application process. BEAD round 1 application start date tentatively is November 1st.

Discussion of Dane County framework of how an applicant or ISP could gain official endorsement. A few options that the task force might put forth as requirements or values of how a provider might gain our endorsement.

Option 1: The Dane County Broadband Task Force offers up some values and priorities as it relates BEAD applications but will not require anything specific to gain official endorsement for the County.

Option 2: The Dane County Broadband Task Force offers up the values and priorities as it relates BEAD applications and will have the below requirement to gain official endorsement from the county.

- Dane County will require the following to gain official endorsement: A letter (or similar method of communication) stating their support and that the municipality has had discussions with the potential BEAD applicant about their BEAD plans, interests, and intents in the impacted municipality. The letter should be signed and dated (after April 29, 2024) from a local unit of government including a city, village, or town. The letter should come from an authorized government representative stating support for the BEAD applicant within the local government boundary.*

Option 3: The Dane County Broadband Task Force offers up the values and priorities as it relates BEAD applications and will have the below requirement to gain official endorsement from the county.

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- Evidence of a public meeting(s) to engage the community in the project planning process. This could include meeting agenda(s) (including date, time and location) with meeting minutes, presentation materials used for public meetings, explanation of how the public meeting informed the project proposal, and/or photos or attendance lists indication level of participation.*
- Letter(s) of support from the school district, the local public library or organization that supports one or more covered populations in the project area. The letter should be signed and dated (after April 29, 2024) from an authorized representative for the entity providing support for the BEAD applicant within the area the entity (school district, library, or organization) operates.*
- A commitment to constructing internet service to all eligible community anchor institutions within a successful BEAD application.*

- *A commitment to specific deployment milestones that is quicker than required by the PSC or NTIA.*

Endorsement framework options discussed with pros and cons list, and discussion ensued between task force members on these options.

Task Force members unanimously agreed on moving forward with the 2nd option for endorsement framework with a recusal from Adam Raschka.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next meeting will be on December 4th at 9:00am 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 UDELL that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05am.