



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Dane County Broadband Task Force

Thursday, October 9, 2025

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

Others present: Jaron McCallum, Josh Schroeder, Mark Leonard, John Cramer

Chair Glazer called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

LAUBER joined at 9:04 AM.

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

Excused 1 - RANDY UDELL

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2025
MIN-315](#)

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 6, 2025 DANE COUNTY BROADBAND TASK
FORCE MEETING

Attachments: [2025 MIN-315](#)

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

C. Action Items

D. Presentations

E. Reports to Committee

1. Dane County Broadband Coordinator Updates

a. BEAD (Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment) Program Update

Final applications for BEAD funding submitted by the state to the NTIA on September 3rd. Within those application a total of 174,000 location will receive service. Of those application 73.5% are fiber, 13.5 are fixed wireless, and 13.2 are satellite.

A total of \$17 millions dollars of BEAD funding will be coming to Dane County. With a total of 2900 locations receiving service from these BEAD applications. Bertram Communications will be servicing 2800 locations, Brightspeed will be servicing 80 locations, and MHTC is servicing one community anchor institution. All awarded BEAD funding coming to Dane County are from fiber based BEAD awards. All of these awards are preliminary with the WI Governor's Task Force stating it is probably that changes would be made by the federal government.

These BEAD build out projects will likely begin construction in 2026.

Discussion ensued about BEAD funding and preliminary awarded grants.

b. Dane County Announces Public-Private Partnership to Expand Broadband Access in the Town of Dunkirk

Dane County Executive recently had a press release about a partnership with Upnet to provide service to 140 homes within the Town of Dunkirk. This partnership is a fiber expansion project with construction wrapping up in 2026. This partnership is will be using \$300 thousand dollar of ARPA funding. Those locations within the Town of Dunkirk also are receiving BEAD funding.

It is unsure if the NTIA and PSC will keep that area BEAD eligible at this time.

c. Dane County Municipal Broadband Map Series

A series of static maps were created mostly aimed at townships with the goal of showing the local broadband landscape. The maps show a variety of information including locations that have received service from Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF), locations earmarked for Enhanced Alternative Connect American Cost Model (E-ACAM), and locations that are BEAD eligible.

Discussion ensued about the Dane County Municipal Broadband Map Series.

d. Continuation of Discussion Points from June Meeting re: WiFi Locations, Dane County Facility Connectivity, etc.

Discussion ensued of creating a map of WiFi available from anchor institutions.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next Dane County Broadband Task Force meeting will take place on December 3rd, 2025 at 9 AM 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 VIOLANTE that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Josh Schroeder, pending Task Force approval