

## **BROADBAND COMMITTEE**

COMMITTEE: BROADBAND  
DATE: JULY 26, 2022  
TIME: 4:30 P.M.  
PLACE: FOREST COUNTY BOARDROOM

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Lukas called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and read the agenda.

### **ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Lukas, Chaney

Absent: Gretzinger

Other Members: Chris Stark (UW-Extension), Kayla Littleton (GIS Tech), Stephanie Statezny (E.M. Director)

Others Present: Lynne Black, Nora Matuszewski, Tom Tallier, Amber Rehberg (UW-Extension), Brad Bessert, Patrick Voigtman, Mark Dodge (Bug Tussel)

### **APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion by Chaney to approve the agenda, second by Lukas. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

### **APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Motion by Chaney to approve the minutes from the June 28, 2022 meeting, second by Lukas. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Don LeMaster commented on debating with giving Bug Tussel money and project #1 is not completed yet. Why give money when phase#1 is not finished.

Mark Dodge commented that in phase #1 all the conduit is in for it and all it needs is the components to connect; which just became available. He said by next Thursday it would be done. He said the fiber would be done by October. He explained what towers were done and which one they were still working on.

County Clerk commented that there has been no correspondence with her on submissions to the PSC for months and if there was conduit put in the County was not notified of any reimbursement sent to the state. Mark Dodge told the Clerk Melody is working on the 1<sup>st</sup> grant and the County should see something in the next 2 ½ weeks. Later in the meeting Dodge told the Clerk the person who would be contacting her with the submissions would be Katie. He told the committee they could go to the PSC website to see the progress of reports and his company is working on a dashboard which when finished will update twice a week walking through Bug Tussel reports.

Chaney asked about the attorney paperwork and the agreement. Dodge felt that the Broadband agreement was signed with the grant submission. Chaney explained that he had no recollection of Gretzinger signing anything.

### **CHARTER/SPECTRUM PRESENTATION**

There were several employees from Charter/Spectrum on Teams to explain what they are working on in the State of Wisconsin as well as Forest County. Celeste Flynn(Director of Govt. Affairs for Charter Communications) presented a slide show.

It was explained that Charter/Spectrum bid on census blocks in the state for a Rural Digital Opportunity Fund project, which would build 115,000 miles of infrastructure in fiber to homes. Wisconsin is the largest project with 15,000 miles of infrastructure. The project is a 6-year build-out and they are half-way through the first year. As they are laying the infrastructure, they are lighting up the areas. They are offering affordable internet to those who cannot afford it through a Federal A.C.P. program. If anyone has any questions Celeste gave her number. She was putting a link in the chat for everyone to look at the coverage map.

## REPORT STATUS FROM BUG TUSSEL (MARK DODGE) ON BROADBAND PROJECTS 1 &2

Dodge updated the committee on how the projects are progressing and told the committee the Dash Board is not ready yet. He told Chaney he would have Mitch Olson contact our Corporation Counsel.

## FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Serenity-Bertram

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chaney to adjourn, second by Lukas. All present voting AYE. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the next scheduled Broadband meeting.