

BROADBAND COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE: BROADBAND
DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 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: Black, Lukas, Chaney

Absent: Gretzinger

Other Members: Chris Stark (UW-Extension), Kayla Littleton (GIS Tech), Stephanie Statezny (E.M. Director), Amber Rehberg (UW-Extension), Ron Skallerud (Sheriff), Chris Shafer (FCEDP)

Others Present: Nora Matuszewski, Brad Bessert, Patrick Voigtman, Mark Dodge (Bug Tussel), Steve Kircher

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 30, 2022 MEETING

Motion by Skallerud to approve the minutes from the August 30, 2022 meeting, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brad Bessert told the committee he has an update about Charter/Spectrum. He told the committee he looked on the website where Charter/Spectrum said a person could put in their address and see if they would be receiving internet at the address. A Charter/Spectrum truck showed up in his driveway and he spoke with the person and they told him they would be putting fiber around Roberts Lake within the year. He asked if the committee or someone would be looking into other companies to see where they are putting in fiber and if there is a plan in place. Several comments were made on the subject. Mark Dodge told the committee Bug Tussel collaborates with many carriers.

UPDATE ON THE BROADBAND PROJECT #1 (MARK DODGE)

Mark Dodge brought a monthly publication his company shares with another county on the progress of the project they are working on for the county. The publication has information on the project, product, timeline, information on their university and what it offers, sales representatives and contact information, tower status and completion timelines. He told the committee this is what he will be offering to Forest County as well.

He went through the current project and where they are on getting it accomplished. Lukas asked for a copy of the extension agreement with the PSC on the project. Dodge showed the application for the extension and told the committee it will be shared when it comes through. He also told the committee all of this is available to view on the PSC website.

Brad Bessert asked if the monthly update could be sent out. It was suggested to upload the link to the county website.

DISCUSSION ON BROADBAND PROJECT #2 AGREEMENT AND SIGNING; POSSIBLE ACTION

The agreement has been signed and is in the works. It was asked if the progress of this project would also been done in a publication, but separated from the first project to keep people from getting the two confused.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

As of now, next month the meeting will be possibly canceled if nothing new comes up. The clerk will let everyone know if it is canceled.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Black to adjourn, second by Chaney. All present voting AYE. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

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