

## **AGENDA**

Eau Claire County

### **• Broadband Committee •**

Thursday, October 3, 2019

**4:00 P.M.**

Courthouse - Room #3312  
721 Oxford Avenue • Eau Claire, WI

1. Call to order and confirmation of meeting notice
2. Public Comment (limit to 3 minutes per person)
3. Review/Approval of Committee Minutes – **Discussion/Action**
  - a. September 19, 2019
4. Report on meeting with Jim Kusilek, Operations Manager at West Wisconsin Telecom by Mark Zuber and Don Mowry - **Discussion**
5. Current Broadband Services in Eau Claire County – **Discussion**
6. Broadband expansion grant opportunities for 2019 – **Discussion/Action**
7. Recap of Western Wisconsin Broadband Alliance Meeting by Rod Eslinger and Frank Draxler – **Discussion**
8. Next Steps – **Discussion/Action**
9. Adjourn

Prepared by: Samantha Cole, Administration

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## **MINUTES**

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Members: Kevin Groskreutz, Don Mowry, Joe Alf, Collin Pomplun, Sarah Lipke, Lynn Thompson, Mark Zuber, Tim Laubach, Roger Hermsen

Others: Chris Straight, Frank Draxler, Dave Hayden, Rod Eslinger, Samantha Cole

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Donald Mowry.

No members of the public were present.

Chair Mowry asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes as amended, adding Colin Pomplun to the list of members in attendance. A motion as made to approve by Mark Zuber and seconded by Colin Pomplun. The motion passed unanimously.

Chris Straight from WCWRPC was in attendance to present to the committee information he and his team at WCWRPC have collected. He reminded the committee about the PSC grant that is due in December. Chris provided a resource of all material presented along with more available on their Dropbox. Chris also sited Dunn County Broadband as a good resource which is located here: <https://www.co.dunn.wi.us/broadband>

A motion was made by Mark Zuber and seconded by Tim Laubach to move into close session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(e) for the purpose of discussing and sharing proprietary information from an outside agency in regard to research and potential revenue of that agency.

A motion was made by Mark Zuber and seconded by Lynn Thompson to move into open session at the conclusion of the closed session. All were in favor.

Sarah Lipke and Kevin Groskreutz left the meeting at 4:46 p.m.

Information was given by Dave Hayden in regard to the PSC grant and current expansion of wireless broadband in the eastern portion of Eau Claire County. Each tower has the potential to reach a 4 ½ mile radius.

The committee reviewed the PSC grant that is due December 19, 2019. The following points were highlighted:

- The grant is \$24 million
- Classes will be set up to assist agencies with the application process
- It would be beneficial to have a partnership/matching funds
- Potentially partner with CVTC
- Potentially only focus on Brunswick and Drammen

A special meeting will be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m. The item of discussion will be priorities of the grant. Mark Zuber will be meeting with 24/7 and will report back to the committee

A motion was made by Mark Zuber to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

Respectively submitted by,

Samantha Cole  
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