

AGENDA
Eau Claire County
Broadband Committee
Thursday, June 24, 2021
4:00 P.M.
Remote Meeting via Webex Events

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1. Call to order and confirmation of meeting notice.
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment (limit to 3 minutes per person)
4. Internet Service Provider updates - **Discussion**. (10 min. each)
 - a. TCC – Buck Webb, Chief Operating Officer
 - b. BugTussel – Mitch Olson, Network Real Estate Manager
 - c. Astrea – R. Cory Heigl, Vice President and General Manager
 - d. 24/7 Telcom – Jim Kusilek, Operations Manager
5. SpaceX Starlink Pilot Project Update – **Discussion/Action**
6. Rural Resilience Presentation – **Discussion**
7. Broadband Map Review – **Discussion/Action**
8. 2021 Assembly Bill 371 – **Information/Discussion**
9. Healthcare position vacancy on the committee – **Discussion / Action**
 - a. Applicants: Ann Nielsen and Katherine Sideri
10. Review/Approval of May 20, 2021, Committee Minutes – **Discussion/Action**
11. Next Steps and future meetings – **Discussion/Action**
 - a. Future Meeting: July 15, 2021, or July 22, 2021
12. Adjourn

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MEETING MINUTES
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Members Present: Donald Mowry, Tom Lange, Collin Pomplun, Sarah Lipke, Joe Alf, Lynn Thompson, Luke Hanson, Tim Laubach, and Mark Zuber.

Staff Present: Rodney J. Eslinger – Director of Planning and Development, Dave Hayden – Director of Information Systems

Others Present: Richard Severn, Celeste Flynn, Matt Brown, Mike Hill, Randy Wolfgram, Robert Nelson, Doug Carlson, Jim Kusilek

Press: Ryan Patterson

1. Call to order and confirmation of meeting notice.

Chairperson Mowry call to order the meeting at 4:02 p.m. and he confirmed that the meeting was properly noticed.

2. Roll Call – Members present are noted above.

3. Public Comment (limit to 3 minutes per person)

Doug Carlson, Town of Brunswick citizen, suggested the county offer future funding for low-income families to cover costs of hooking up to Broadband infrastructure and for equipment costs. He also asked about what the plan is for the Starlink participants who choose to discontinue their participation in the program. He questioned what the Committee's mission strategy is in supporting broadband services in the County. Last, he wanted to know more about the "surprise" statement from Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator and County Board Chair Smiar that the county should hire a Broadband manager.

4. Charter/Spectrum presentation on residential services in the County - **Discussion.**

Celeste Flynn, Charter's Director of Wisconsin State Government Affairs, Matt Brown, Charter's Vice President for Construction in Wisconsin, Missouri and Illinois, Randy Wolfgram, Charter's Senior Director of Construction in Wisconsin, Missouri and Mike Hill, Charter's Regional Director of Wisconsin State Government Affairs presented Charter/Spectrum's Rural Development Opportunity Funds Auction award obligations in the state of Wisconsin and Eau Claire County. The Charter representatives' answered questions from the Broadband Committee.

Celeste Flynn and Mike Hill will be the primary contacts for the Eau Claire County RDOF auction area.

5. SpaceX Starlink Pilot Project Update – **Discussion/Action**

Dave Hayden presented the updates to the committee on the Starlink finalized participants list, Governor Evers Starlink Grant Announcement, and congratulatory letter for the participants.

6. Broadband Network Project Application Update – **Discussion**

Jim Kulisek of WWT (24/7) updated the committee on their progress with PSC grant project in the Towns of Brunswick and Drammen. He noted that the contractor has been installing conduit in the road rights-of-way for the past couple of weeks.

7. Broadband Forward! Community Certification - **Discussion**

Rod Eslinger shared with the committee that the Wisconsin Public Service Commission certified Eau Claire County as a Broadband Forward! Community.

8. Healthcare position vacancy on the committee – **Discussion**

Staff noted no applications have been received by Administration for the open Healthcare vacancy on the committee.

9. Review/Approval of March 25, 2021 and April 15, 2021 Committee Minutes – **Discussion/Action**

The committee reviewed the meeting minutes of March 25, 2021 and April 15, 2021. Mark Zuber motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Collin Pomplun seconded the motion; motion carried on a voice vote with all in favor of the motion.

10. Next Steps and future meetings – **Discussion/Action**

- a. Future Meeting: June 24, 2021

11. Adjourn

Adjourn Action: Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:36 p.m.

Respectively submitted by,

Rodney J. Eslinger
Director of Planning and Development

bugtussel
WIRELESS

The
R.O.A.D
to Digital Equality

The Rural Open Access Design to Digital Equality
Bond Project



IMPORTANT: BUG TUSSEL WIRELESS CAN

Who are we?

Bug Tussel Wireless is the largest wholesale provider of wireless rural telecommunication services in the Upper Midwest. We are the catalyst to energize communities, inspire commerce and increase opportunities for personal and professional development.



01

Provide **broadband** quickly

02

Install **fiber infrastructure** for the middle mile

03

Provide **ubiquitous cellular** service

04

Provide support for **economic development** through community education

05

Provide evergreen high-capacity Internet and electronic access at **ever-increasing speeds**

How Can We Provide These Services?

Plan Components

Cellular for all - Now

25 Mbps download for all -
Now

Fiber optic middle mile to
communities' aggregation
points and critical
community facilities - Soon

Premise access at speeds
of greater than 25 Mbps or
up to 100 Gbps or higher -
5 years

Comprehensive Plan

Bug Tussel Wireless will provide a comprehensive broadband plan, prepared upfront, covering 10 years along with design and financing.

Financing Plan

To ensure financial sustainability, Bug Tussel Wireless will finance this project through WPSC Grants, RDOF coordination, and statewide opt-in bond issuance. **This will lead to a net positive budget impact to the county.**

Open Access

Bug Tussel will provide an open network and collaborate with other providers, RDOF winners, critical community institutions and local and state governments.



Specifics on Financing Sources

WPSC Grants

State of Wisconsin WPSC	25% to 50%
Bug Tussel Wireless, LLC	25% to 75%
Community Loan to Bug Tussel Wireless, LLC (Provider receives 50 basis point premium)	25% to 50%

Rural Digital Opportunity Fund

RDOF Winners

Private Equity Firms

Cooperative Partnerships with RDOF

Public Bond Issuances

One county serves as issuer and receives 10 basis points

Each county guarantees the assets in its county for
40 basis points

Each county receives assets in its county as collateral

Other Sources

Senior Bug Tussel Debt

Private Equity

Provider Investments

\$200,000,000 Issuance: \$15,000,000 Guarantee:
Issuing County = \$200,000/yr Guarantor County = \$60,000/yr

The Timeline

Month by Month Timeline

May - June 2021

- ▶ Business Planning
- ▶ County Committees
- ▶ Finalize County Participation

June - August 2021

- ▶ County Board Approvals

September - October 2021

- ▶ TEFRA Hearings
- ▶ Bond Issuance

November - December 2021

- ▶ Community Kickoff

Year to Year Timeline

2021 - 2023

- ▶ Cellular and Fixed Wireless Implementation

2021 - 2025

- ▶ Fiber Optic Middle Mile Implementation

2021 - 2030

- ▶ Last Mile 1 Gbps High-Capacity Fiber to Premise



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AMENDMENT MEMO



Memo published: June 21, 2021

Contact: Benjamin Kramer, Staff Analyst

2021 Assembly Bill 371

**Assembly Substitute Amendment
1 and Assembly Amendment 1 to
Assembly Substitute Amendment
1**

2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 371

2021 Assembly Bill 371 makes various changes to the broadband expansion grant program administered by the Public Service Commission (PSC). Among its changes, the bill modifies the areas of the state eligible for broadband expansion grants. While the current program provides grants to construct broadband infrastructure in “underserved” areas of the state (defined as areas served by fewer than two broadband service providers),¹ the bill instead directs the PSC to award grants for broadband infrastructure in “unserved” areas. Under the bill, an “unserved area” is defined as an area that is not served by an Internet service provider (ISP) that provides fixed wireless or wired service, with download speeds of 100 Mbps and upload speeds of 20 Mbps (“100/20” service).

The bill also modifies the criteria that the PSC must consider and prioritize when evaluating grant applications. Among these changes, the bill prohibits the PSC from awarding grants that do not include matching funds of least 40 percent of the total project cost. The bill also establishes a procedure by which an ISP in or near a proposed project area may challenge the awarding of a grant.

Finally, the bill provides a mechanism by which the PSC must collect broadband speed and availability data from ISP grant recipients. The commission may use this data to develop and maintain maps regarding broadband availability. Similarly, the bill directs the PSC to provide technical assistance and educational tools for broadband expansion grant project development.

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 largely mirrors the bill as introduced, with three changes:

- While the bill establishes a matching requirement of at least 40 percent of total project cost, the substitute amendment provides a matching requirement of at least 30 percent of the project cost in each year for the first three years, and at least 40 percent of the project cost in each subsequent year.
- Under the bill, the PSC may not award grants to projects that are not capable of offering 100/20 service. The substitute amendment creates an exemption to this requirement, allowing grants to be provided for projects that offer 25/3 service, provided that those projects demonstrate that they will be capable of providing 100/20 service by January 1, 2025.

¹ While “broadband service” is not defined in statute, the PSC has interpreted the term to mean service with a speed of 25 Megabits per second (Mbps) for download transmission and 3 Mbps for upload transmission. This “25/3” standard mirrors the benchmark established by the Federal Communications Commission.

- Under the bill, an ISP that challenges the award of a broadband expansion grant must commit to providing sufficient broadband service in the proposed project area no later than 24 months after the date that grants are made for a given grant cycle. The substitute amendment increases the period for an ISP to fulfill a commitment to provide service to 36 months.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1 TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 creates an additional exemption to the requirement that projects must be capable of offering 100/20 service. Specifically, the amendment to the substitute amendment allows the PSC to award grants of less than \$100,000 to fixed wireless service providers for projects capable of offering 25/3 service (regardless of whether such projects will later be capable of offering 100/20 service).

BILL HISTORY

Representative Summerfield offered Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 on June 4, 2021. Representative Petersen later offered Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 on June 15, 2021. On June 16, 2021, the Assembly Committee on Energy and Utilities recommended adoption of the amendment to the substitute amendment and the substitute amendment, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 10; Noes, 5. The committee then voted to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes, 5.

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2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 371

June 3, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives SUMMERFIELD, OLDENBURG, ARMSTRONG, CABRAL GUEVARA, CALLAHAN, DALLMAN, HORLACHER, JAMES, MAGNAFICI, MOSES, PETRYK, PLUMER, PRONSCHINSKE, RAMTHUN, ROZAR, SCHRAA, SPIROS, SWEARINGEN, TAUCHEN, TRANEL, TUSLER and VANDERMEER, cosponsored by Senators MARKLEIN, BALLWEG, BERNIER, COWLES, DARLING, FELZKOWSKI, FEYEN, NASS and WIMBERGER. Referred to Committee on Energy and Utilities.

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 196.504 (1) (b) and 196.504 (2) (d); *to renumber and amend*
2 196.504 (2) (c); *to amend* 24.40 (3), 86.16 (6), 196.504 (1) (c) 2., 196.504 (2) (a)
3 and 196.504 (3) (intro.); and *to create* 196.504 (2) (c) 1. b., 196.504 (2) (c) 3.,
4 196.504 (2) (f), 196.504 (2e) and 196.504 (2t) of the statutes; **relating to:** the
5 broadband expansion grant program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill makes various changes to the broadband expansion grant program.

Current law requires the Public Service Commission to administer the broadband expansion grant program, under which PSC designates as “underserved” areas of the state that are served by fewer than two broadband service providers and awards grants to eligible applicants for the purpose of constructing broadband infrastructure in underserved areas. This bill changes the purpose of the grant program to constructing broadband infrastructure in “unserved areas.” Under current law, “unserved areas” are areas not served by an Internet service provider (ISP) that is a fixed wireless service or wired service and that provides service at actual speeds of at least 20 percent of the upload and download speeds for advanced telecommunications capability as designated by the Federal Communications Commission. The bill changes the speed standard for an unserved area to be at least actual download speeds of 100 megabits per second and upload speeds of 20 megabits per second.

Current law requires PSC to establish criteria for evaluating applications and awarding grants under the broadband expansion grant program and requires that

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the criteria give priority to projects meeting various standards, such as including matching funds and involving public-private partnerships. Under the bill, the criteria must require that projects serve unserved areas. The bill specifies that the criteria must prioritize projects with 50 percent or more matching funds and projects that are capable of offering service with either combined download speeds and upload speeds of 900 megabits per second or greater, or download speeds of 450 megabits per second or greater and upload speeds of 450 megabits per second or greater. When evaluating a grant application, the bill requires PSC to consider all federal broadband grant program project areas related to the proposed project. The bill prohibits PSC from awarding grants for projects that do not include at least 40 percent matching funds or for projects that are not capable of offering download speeds of 100 megabits per second or greater and upload speeds of 20 megabits per second or greater (minimum download and upload speeds).

The bill adds a procedure by which an ISP in or near to a project area proposed in an application for a broadband expansion grant may challenge the awarding of that grant. An ISP may challenge the grant if that ISP currently provides or will complete construction to provide broadband service to that area at minimum download and upload speeds or if that ISP commits to completing construction of broadband infrastructure and providing broadband service to that area at minimum download and upload speeds no later than 24 months after the date grants are made for the grant cycle under which the application was submitted. The bill requires PSC to evaluate the challenge and prohibits it from funding the project if it determines as credible the challenging ISP's commitment to provide broadband service that meets the requirements.

The bill allows PSC to require the recipient of a broadband expansion grant to submit a project completion final report before any withheld grant funds are disbursed. The bill requires the final report to include the number of customer locations passed, upgraded, or within range and how many actually ordered broadband service as a result of the project, as well as an official certification of speeds. The bill requires PSC to disburse any withheld grant funds to an eligible grantee no later than 30 days after the final report is submitted, and to submit the report to the joint committee on finance and to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature. The bill requires PSC to provide technical assistance and educational tools for broadband expansion grant project development.

The bill provides PSC a mechanism for annually collecting from ISP grantees the same broadband availability and speed data they must disclose to the Federal Communications Commission under the federal Broadband Deployment Accuracy and Technological Availability Act (BDATAA) and to use this information to develop and maintain broadband availability maps. However, the bill requires PSC to review the maps created by the FCC under BDATAA and, if they provide sufficient information to facilitate access to broadband service in unserved areas, eliminates the requirement that ISPs annually disclose this information to PSC.

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For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

1 **SECTION 1.** 24.40 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 24.40 (3) Notwithstanding s. 28.02 (5) or any contrary rule promulgated by the
3 department, if the department grants an easement under sub. (1r) for the
4 construction of broadband infrastructure in underserved unserved areas, as
5 designated under s. 196.504 (2) ~~(d)~~ (e), the department may not require any appraisal
6 or the payment of any fee to grant the easement.

7 **SECTION 2.** 86.16 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 86.16 (6) If the department consents under sub. (1) to the construction of
9 broadband infrastructure in underserved unserved areas, as designated under s.
10 196.504 (2) ~~(d)~~ (e), the department may not charge any fee for the initial issuance of
11 any permit necessary to construct broadband infrastructure along, across, or within
12 the limits of a highway.

13 **SECTION 3.** 196.504 (1) (b) of the statutes is repealed.

14 **SECTION 4.** 196.504 (1) (c) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

15 196.504 (1) (c) 2. Provided at actual speeds of at least 20 percent of the upload
16 and download speeds for advanced telecommunications capability as designated by
17 the federal communications commission in its inquiries regarding advanced
18 telecommunications capability under 47 USC 1302 (b) download speeds of 100
19 megabits per second or greater and upload speeds of 20 megabits per second or
20 greater.

21 **SECTION 5.** 196.504 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 196.504 (2) (a) To make broadband expansion grants to eligible applicants for
2 the purpose of constructing broadband infrastructure in ~~underserved~~ unserved
3 areas designated under par. (d) ~~(e)~~. Grants awarded under this section shall be paid
4 from the appropriations under s. 20.155 (3) (r) and (rm).

5 **SECTION 6.** 196.504 (2) (c) of the statutes is renumbered 196.504 (2) (c) 1. and
6 amended to read:

7 196.504 (2) (c) 1. To establish criteria for evaluating applications and awarding
8 grants under this section. The criteria shall ~~prohibit~~ do all of the following:

9 a. Prohibit grants that have the effect of subsidizing the expenses of a provider
10 of telecommunications service, as defined in s. 182.017 (1g) (cq), or the monthly bills
11 of customers of those providers. ~~The criteria shall give~~

12 c. Give priority to projects that include matching funds, of 50 percent or more;
13 that involve public-private partnerships, that affect unserved areas;; that are
14 scalable;; that promote economic development; that will not result in delaying the
15 provision of broadband service to areas neighboring areas to be served by the
16 proposed project, ~~or~~; that affect a large geographic area or a large number of
17 underserved unserved individuals or communities; or that are capable of offering
18 service with either combined download speeds and upload speeds of 900 megabits per
19 second or greater, or download speeds of 450 megabits per second or greater and
20 upload speeds of 450 megabits per second or greater.

21 2. When evaluating grant applications under this section, the commission shall
22 consider the degree to which the proposed projects would duplicate existing
23 broadband infrastructure, information about the presence of which is provided to the
24 commission by the applicant or another person within a time period designated by
25 the commission; the impacts of the proposed projects on the ability of individuals to

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1 access health care services from home and the cost of those services; and the impacts
2 of the proposed projects on the ability of students to access educational opportunities
3 from home; and all federal broadband grant program project areas related to the
4 proposed project.

5 **SECTION 7.** 196.504 (2) (c) 1. b. of the statutes is created to read:

6 196.504 (2) (c) 1. b. Require that projects serve unserved areas.

7 **SECTION 8.** 196.504 (2) (c) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

8 196.504 (2) (c) 3. The commission may not award grants for any of the following:

9 a. Projects that do not include matching funds that make up at least 40 percent
10 of the total project cost.

11 b. Projects that are not capable of offering download speeds of 100 megabits per
12 second or greater and upload speeds of 20 megabits per second or greater.

13 **SECTION 9.** 196.504 (2) (d) of the statutes is repealed.

14 **SECTION 10.** 196.504 (2) (f) of the statutes is created to read:

15 196.504 (2) (f) To require that a grantee submit a project completion final report
16 before the commission disburses any withheld grant funds. A project completion
17 final report shall include the number of customer locations passed, upgraded, or
18 within range and how many actually ordered broadband service as a result of the
19 project, and an official certification of speeds performed by either the manufacturer
20 of the equipment or a professional engineer or by using federal communications
21 commission performance testing software. The commission shall disburse any
22 withheld grant funds to an eligible grantee no later than 30 days after a complete
23 project completion final report is submitted. The commission shall send the project
24 completion final report to the joint committee on finance and to the appropriate
25 standing committees of the legislature under s. 13.172 (3).

ASSEMBLY BILL 371**SECTION 11**

1 **SECTION 11.** 196.504 (2e) of the statutes is created to read:

2 196.504 (2e) In administering the broadband expansion grant program, the
3 commission shall do all of the following:

4 (a) Provide technical assistance and facilitate the development of rural
5 broadband expansion grant projects by connecting interested communities with
6 Internet service providers.

7 (b) Develop and provide educational tools for project creation, grant application
8 processes, and project completion reporting.

9 (c) 1. Subject to subd. 4., require each Internet service provider grant recipient
10 to disclose to the commission no later than April 1 of each year broadband availability
11 data for the provider's footprint in this state in the same manner in which it is
12 required to provide data to the federal communications commission pursuant to 47
13 USC 641 et. seq. and the maximum advertised download and upload speeds
14 associated with its broadband Internet access service available in the reported areas.

15 2. The commission may use the information disclosed under subd. 1. to develop
16 and maintain broadband maps and other geographic data regarding the availability
17 of broadband Internet service in this state. The map may include aggregated data
18 indicating service territories for Internet service providers.

19 3. Notwithstanding s. 19.35, the commission shall withhold from public
20 inspection any information disclosed to the commission under subd. 1. that would aid
21 a competitor of an Internet service provider in competing with the Internet service
22 provider.

23 4. Upon release of the first map created by the federal communications
24 commission pursuant to 47 USC 641 et. seq., the commission shall commence a
25 review of those federal communications commission maps and shall complete the

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1 review within 6 months of commencement. If the commission determines that those
2 maps provide information sufficient to facilitate access to broadband service in
3 unserved areas, subd. 1. no longer applies.

4 **SECTION 12.** 196.504 (2t) of the statutes is created to read:

5 196.504 (2t) (a) Within 3 days of the close of the broadband expansion grant
6 application process, the commission shall publish on its Internet site the proposed
7 geographic broadband service area and the proposed broadband service speeds for
8 each application for a broadband expansion grant submitted.

9 (b) An Internet service provider in or proximate to the proposed project area
10 may, within 30 days of publication of the information under par. (a), submit in writing
11 to the commission a challenge to an application. A challenge must contain
12 information demonstrating one of the following:

13 1. The provider currently provides or will complete construction to provide
14 broadband service to the proposed project area at download speeds of 100 megabits
15 per second or greater and upload speeds of 20 megabits per second or greater.

16 2. The provider commits to complete construction of broadband infrastructure
17 and to provide broadband service in the proposed project area at speeds equal to or
18 greater than the speeds described under subd. 1. no later than 24 months after the
19 date broadband expansion grants are made for the grant cycle under which the
20 application was submitted. The provider shall submit documentation showing this
21 commitment, including engineering plans, invoices related to project materials,
22 permit applications, and a project timeline.

23 (c) The commission shall evaluate the information submitted in an Internet
24 service provider's challenge under this subsection, and is prohibited from funding a
25 project if the commission determines that the challenger's commitment to provide

ASSEMBLY BILL 371**SECTION 12**

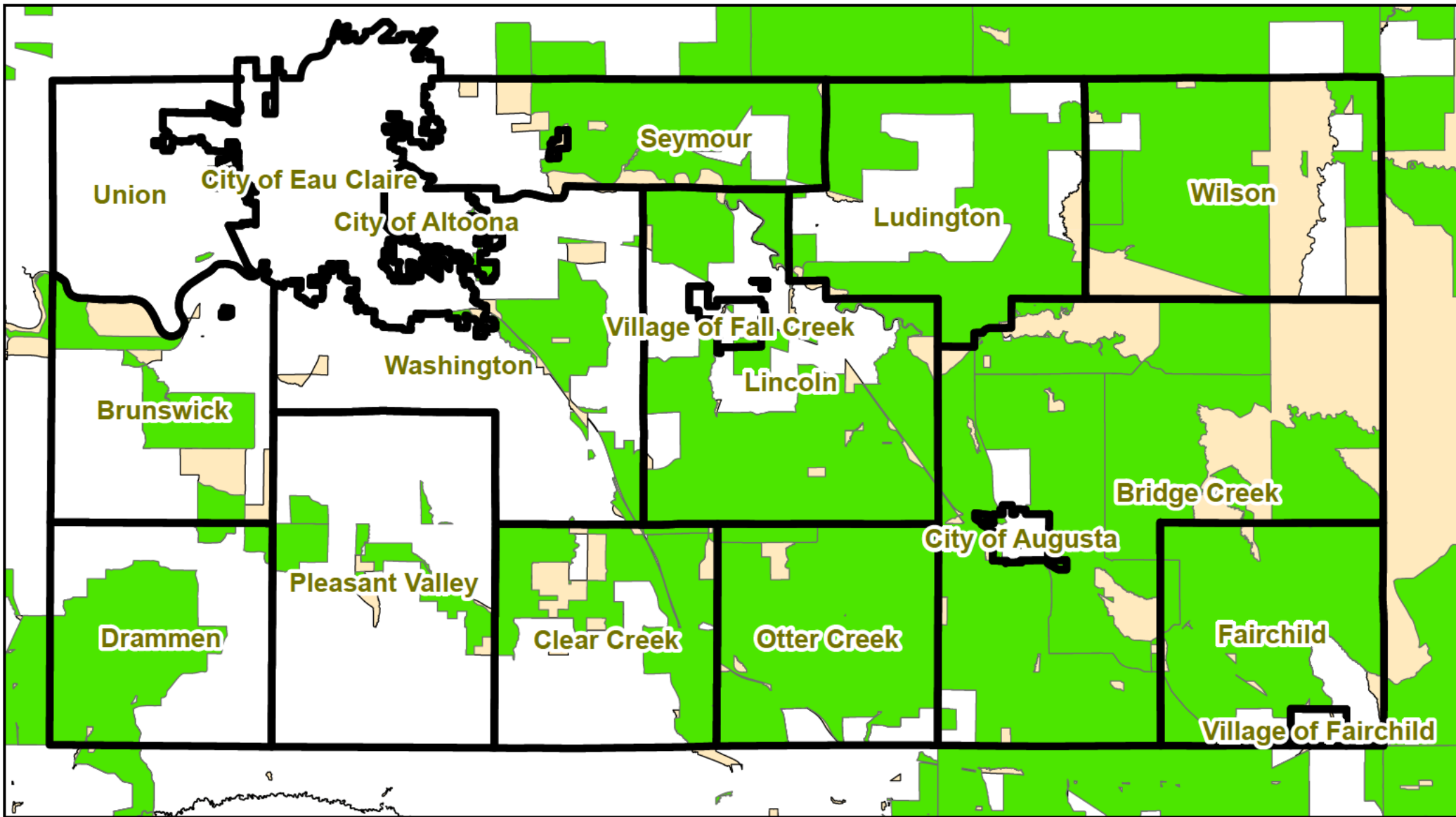
1 broadband service that meets the requirements of par. (b) in the proposed project
2 area is credible.

3 (d) If the commission denies funding to an applicant as a result of an Internet
4 service provider's challenge made under this subsection, and the Internet service
5 provider does not fulfill its commitment to provide broadband service in the project
6 area, the commission is prohibited from denying funding to an applicant as a result
7 of a challenge by the same Internet service provider for the following 2 grant cycles,
8 unless the commission determines that the Internet service provider's failure to
9 fulfill its commitment was the result of factors beyond the Internet service provider's
10 control. The commission shall give priority scoring treatment to an application
11 targeting a grant project area that remains unserved as a result of a successful
12 challenge and an unfulfilled commitment.

13 **SECTION 13.** 196.504 (3) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 196.504 (3) (intro.) The commission shall encourage the development of
15 broadband infrastructure in ~~underserved~~ unserved areas of the state and do all of the
16 following:

17 (END)



Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) Auction Map for Eau Claire County

Legend

-  Civil Division
-  Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) Phase 1 Result
-  Unserved Areas

NOTE: Data source for broadband unserved and underserved areas is Wisconsin Public Service Commission. The data is related to broadband expansion eligibility for fiscal year 2020.



From: [Samantha Kraegenbrink](#)
To: [Rod Eslinger](#)
Subject: FW: *NEW SUBMISSION* Application for Appointment to County Boards and Commissions
Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 9:40:53 AM

From: Eau Claire County <co.eau-claire.wi.us@enotify.visioninternet.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 6:18 PM
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Application for Appointment to County Boards and Commissions

Submission #: 965019
IP Address: [REDACTED]
Submission Date: 06/02/2021 6:17
Survey Time: 55 minutes, 28 seconds

You have a new online form submission.

Note: all answers displaying "*****" are marked as sensitive and must be viewed after your login.

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Today's Date

06/02/2021 12:00 AM

Name of Board or Commission You are Applying For (only vacancies listed):

Please select one from the list below.

Broadband Committee

Are you a current employee of Eau Claire County or employed at a firm that is a vendor or has an affiliation with Eau Claire County?

Yes

The majority of Boards/Commissions/Councils and Committees meet on a monthly basis (date and time is determined by the committee.) Can you commit to attending meetings in

accordance with the schedule of the Boards/Commissions/Councils and Committees you are applying for?

Yes

Section Break

Full Name

District Health Information Manager Ann Nielsen

Age 18 or Older

Yes

Residence Address

[REDACTED]

Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Home Phone Number

[REDACTED]

Business/Cell Phone Number

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Do you currently reside/live within Eau Claire County limits?

No

Number of Years:

Education

Organizational Leadership, BS and Health Information Technician, AAS

Do you have relatives employed or appointed to serve in Eau Claire County?

No

If yes, please list name, department, and relationship.

Please describe any potential conflicts of interest (or list n/a)

n/a

List County Boards, Commissions, or Committees on which you have served

n/a

Please describe how you are qualified for the position of interest

I have worked in healthcare for 18+ years (15 years in health information management) and understand the crucial role a virtual visit platform is to providing quality care for our community.

If selected, how would you work to better our community?

Access to enhanced broadband services provides more affordable, accessible and convenient healthcare to people within our community.

Thank you,

Eau Claire County

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Name of Board or Commission You are Applying For (only vacancies listed):

Please select one from the list below.

Broadband Committee

Are you a current employee of Eau Claire County or employed at a firm that is a vendor or has an affiliation with Eau Claire County?

No

The majority of Boards/Commissions/Councils and Committees meet on a monthly basis (date and time is determined by the committee.) Can you commit to attending meetings in accordance with the schedule of the Boards/Commissions/Councils and Committees you are applying for?

Yes

Section Break

Full Name

Katherine Sideri

Age 18 or Older

Yes

Residence Address

[REDACTED]
Eau Claire, Wi 54701

Home Phone Number

[REDACTED]

Business/Cell Phone Number

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Do you currently reside/live within Eau Claire County limits?

Yes

Number of Years:

3

Education

Bachelors

Do you have relatives employed or appointed to serve in Eau Claire County?

Yes

If yes, please list name, department, and relationship.

Please describe any potential conflicts of interest (or list n/a)

N/a

List County Boards, Commissions, or Committees on which you have served

N/a

Please describe how you are qualified for the position of interest

My background is in technology sales, and my passion is improving Eau Claire. I believe in this project and the positive impacts it will bring. I envision options in broadband opening more doors for virtual medical care for our underserved population. On the south side of town, there is an internet monopoly who can continue to increase prices because no one can get it elsewhere. I love where I live, and public service is a great way to make an impact.

If selected, how would you work to better our community?

Access, access, access. A great number of issues present in our community boil down to access. I can't solve the biggest issues without addressing the ones that impact the largest piece of our populous. Without access to affordable internet, my grandmother was unable to initially sign up for the COVID vaccine. She couldn't get online, and online was the sole option. This is a tiny example of larger impacts that having a service monopoly creates. I will use my time, talents, and treasures to assist in any way needed. I am a relationship cultivator, and I will build you a team that can get "it," done - regardless of what it is.

Thank you,
Eau Claire County

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