

AGENDA
Eau Claire County
Broadband Committee
Thursday, August 19, 2021
4:00 P.M.
Remote Meeting via Webex Events

Those wishing to make public comments must submit their name and address no later than 30 minutes prior to the meeting to rod.eslinger@co.eau-claire.wi.us

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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. SpaceX Starlink Pilot Project Update – **Discussion/Action**
5. Update on the Town of Drammen’s request for County ARPA fund match for its Broadband infrastructure project – **Discussion/Action**
6. Town/County Intergovernmental Agreements for the use of County ARPA funds - **Discussion**
7. Committee Work Plan (Next Steps) – **Discussion/Action**
8. Review/Approval of July 15 and July 30, 2021, Committee Meeting Minutes – **Discussion/Action**
9. Next Steps and future meetings – **Discussion/Action**
 - a. Future Meeting: September 16, 2021.
 - i. LTD Broadband Presentation (RDOF)
 - ii. Wisconsin Broadband Office
10. Adjourn

MEETING MINUTES
Eau Claire County
Broadband Committee
Thursday, July 15, 2021
4:00 P.M.
Remote Meeting via Webex Events

Those wishing to make public comments must submit their name and address no later than 30 minutes prior to the meeting to Dave.Hayden@co.eau-claire.wi.us.

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

Staff Present: Dave Hayden – Director of Information Systems

1. Call to order and confirmation of meeting notice.
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 4:01
 - b. Dave Hayden confirmed that the meeting was properly noticed
2. Roll Call – Members present are noted above.
3. Public Comment (limit to 3 minutes per person) - None
4. Rural Resilience Presentation – **Discussion**
 - a. Doris Mold was present to discuss the Rural Resiliency Project.
 - i. Funded through UWEC Foundation, focused on rural and agriculture
 - ii. Stress reduction, mental health, economic development
 - iii. Doris can be contacted at doris@sunriseag.net
5. SpaceX Starlink Pilot Project Update – **Discussion/Action**

Dave Hayden provided a brief update on the project.
6. Letter of Support for the 24/7 Telcom Inc.’s PSC/ARPA Broadband Grant Application in the Town of Brunswick - **Discussion/Action**

The committee discussed the writing a letter in support of 24/7 Telecom Inc.’s ARPA Broadband Grant Application. Motion to approve by Mark Zuber, second by Luke Hanson to support writing a letter. Motion carried unanimously
7. Policy recommendation to the County’s ARPA Task Force regarding use of ARPA funds to expand broadband infrastructure in Eau Claire County – **Discussion/Action**

- a. Don Mowry, Chair, gave an overview of the Brunswick project; the proposal is due by July 27. He also described the resolutions before County Board next week.
 - i. Tom Lange asked about the amounts of ARPA funds allocated to each township Mark has a linked – he will send it to Dave to send to the committee.

8. Town Board Broadband Checklist Guide – **Discussion/Action**

- a. Mark Zuber described the checklist and what it is intended to accomplish.
- b. Keep on agenda for next meeting.

9. Committee Meeting Frequency – **Discussion/Action**

- a. Next meeting – Friday July 23 at 10:00
- b. Keep on agenda for next meeting

10. Governor Evers Task Force on Broadband Access Report – **Discussion**

Don discussed some of items in the report. He commented that we may be ahead of the curve on several of them.

11. Review/Approval of June 24, 2021, Committee Minutes – **Discussion/Action**

A correction was noted that WWT should be TCC in #4 a. of the draft. Motion to approve by Mark Zuber, second by Lynn Thompson. Motion carried unanimously

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

- a. Future Meeting: August 19, 2021, additional meeting dates maybe set as needed.
- b. Next Meeting: Friday, July 23, 2021, at 10 a.m. contingent on County Board action.

Adjourn Action: Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted by,

Dave Hayden, IS Director

(Edited by Rodney J. Eslinger, Director of Planning and Development)

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Friday, July 23, 2021
10:00 A.M.
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Members Present: Donald Mowry, Tom Lange, Joe Alf, Lynn Thompson, Luke Hanson, Tim Laubach, Sarah Lipke, Scott Hoffman, and Mark Zuber.

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

Others Present: Bob Nelson, John LeBrun

1. Call to order and confirmation of meeting notice.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am and the meeting notice was confirmed.

2. Roll Call – Members present are noted above.
3. Public Comment (limit to 3 minutes per person) - None
4. Town of Brunswick PSC application request for County matching ARPA Funds – **Discussion/Action**

Motion by Lynn Thompson to use the County’s ARPA funds to match the Town of Brunswick’s ARPA fund contribution with their 24/7 Telcom Inc. PSC application, second by Tim Laubach. Motion carried on a roll call vote (9-0-0).

5. Letter to Towns regarding County ARPA Fund Match – **Discussion/Action**

The committee discussed sending a letter to the Towns about the County Board’s action to reallocate 2.8 million dollars of its ARPA funds as a match for local broadband infrastructure projects where the towns proposed to use their ARPA funds. The committee also requested to include town checklist with the letter that is to be sent to the towns.

Motion by Mark Zuber to send a letter from the Broadband Committee to Eau Claire County town officials notifying them of the County Board’s 2.8-million-dollar ARPA fund commitment to match the town’s ARPA funds for Broadband infrastructure projects, second by Joe Alf. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

6. Discuss criteria for County ARPA Funds Match – **Discussion/Action**

The committee discussed criteria for municipalities applying for County ARPA funds. They felt that what the Town of Brunswick submitted to request County ARPA Funds was adequate and a good starting point. A brief discussion was held on payment of the funds and what was going to be needed to reporting purposes.

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

- a. Future Meeting: August 19, 2021, additional meeting dates maybe set as needed.

Adjourn Action: Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:35 a.m.

Respectively submitted by,

Rodney J. Eslinger, Director of Planning and Development