

6. **Proposed Resolution: File No. 22-23/066** Resolution allowing the Broadband Committee to conduct their meetings by virtual, hybrid, or in person means. / **Discussion – Action**

Rod Eslinger explained the resolution that would allow the committee membership to conduct its meetings either in person, hybrid, or virtually.

The committee briefly discussed the resolution. Mark Zuber motioned to approve the proposed resolution file no. 22-23-066: Luke Hansen seconded the motion; motion carried on a voice vote with all in favor of the motion.

7. Digital Equity Quarterly Report – **Discussion**

Amber Scharenbroch presented the quarterly report to the committee.

Dave Hayden introduced Amber Scharenbroch as the new Community Impact Director - Digital Equity through the United Way. The goal of the program is to get devices and digital literacy training out. We are right at the beginning of the program and working on how to handle the devices. Looking at what is out there and what the gaps are. There is a large demand for these services and want to make sure that we get the appropriate processes.

Discuss reconvene the Digital Equity Advisory council in September. Looking to fill out the membership. Tom Lange is interested and has a parallel initiative at CVTC. The goal is not to overlap efforts and to collaborate whenever possible. Other names were suggested for consideration.

8. Broadband Mapping – Grant and RDOF County Coverage – **Discussion**

Rod Eslinger updated the committee the PSC grant mapping site, installation of the observed RDOF installation by Charter, and presented a RDOF summary map.

9. Broadband ARPA Fund Allocation – **Discussion/Action**

Mr. Eslinger provided an update to the committee regarding the current ARPA fund match allocation. Since the last meeting, he reached out to town chairs from the eastern side of the county and asked them how they have been committing their ARPA funds. Rod noted that most of the towns have committed most of their funds to other projects, such as road paving, paving of parking lots, improvements at their town halls, playground equipment, and other qualifying projects. He concluded by noting that the remaining uncommitted Town ARPA fund match is approximately \$327,000. Those towns include Bridge Creek, Fairchild, Lincoln, Otter Creek, and Wilson.


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

- a. Future Meeting: December 15, 2022
- b. Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Update
- c. Internet for All conference Update

11. Adjourn

Adjourn Action: Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:29 p.m.

Respectively submitted by,



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