

PRICE COUNTY AD HOC COMMITTEE ON BROADBAND MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 12, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Courthouse County Board Room 101, 126 Cherry St; Phillips, WI

Meeting called to order by William Teeters, Chairperson at 9:00 a.m. Roll Call: Present – Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek, Evan Lund, TJ Podmolik, William Teeters. Also present – Nick Trimner; Bob Kopisch; Laurie Hanson, Phillips Area Chamber of Commerce

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Communications and Correspondences: Discussions Nick has had with citizens involved confusion between cell phone and broadband coverage.
 2. Public Comment: None.
 3. Election of a Vice-chairperson: Lund nominated Jeff Hallstrand. Motion Houdek/Lund to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jeff Hallstrand as Vice-chairperson. Motion carried.
 4. Meeting Minutes from May 6, 2019: Motion Houdek/Lund to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
 5. Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
 - a. Teleconference with Angie Dickison, PSC State Broadband Director: Angie and Dennis Klaila joined via teleconference. Angie provided information about the certification program. Dennis provided information about the new grant application and the scoring processes
 - b. Community Certification Program: 35 communities currently enrolled in the Broadband Forward certification.
 - c. Resolution and/or Ordinance: Broadband Forward ordinance is intended to streamline the permitting process for development of broadband systems. Telecommuter Forward resolution is intended to assign a point of contact for working together with other communities and broadband developers. Currently 16 communities are certified.
 6. Interaction and possible joint efforts: Continue possible interactions.
 - a. Chambers of Commerce: They can use their contact lists to disseminate information.
 - b. Industrial Development Corporations
 - c. Economic Development Associations: Potentially have some money in their budget.
 - d. UWEX Digital Ambassadors
 7. Resolution – Support Improved Broadband Access in Price County: Motion Podmolik/Houdek to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board with recommendation for adoption. Motion carried.
 8. Price County Highway Department Application Permit Process: Current process is working well.
 9. Communication Plans
 - a. Educate Communities: Discussion on possible education needs and solutions.
 - i. Whose Job is it
 - ii. What is Already Available
 - iii. Difference between Broadband and Cellular
 - iv. Work with Media
 10. Next steps: Certification program resolution and ordinance.
 11. Report to the County Board: Chad Young from Norvado will be presenting at the June 18th County Board meeting.
 12. Next meeting date: July 9, 2019.
 13. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.
- Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk