

**Lincoln County Broadband Commission Meeting**  
6:30 PM, Thursday, April 04, 2024  
Room 255/257/260, Lincoln County Service Center  
801 N. Sales Street Merrill, WI 54452  
Join by Phone: 1-252-923-3162 PIN: 683 268 421#  
**Meeting Link:** [meet.google.com/cyt-wxgo-nsq](https://meet.google.com/cyt-wxgo-nsq)

MINUTES

Attendees: Ken Wickham, Pat Voermans, Gary Hartwig, Clyde Nelson, John Heckendorf, Heidi O'Hare, Earl Welker, Travis Wichlaz, Paul Thomas, Jerome Ziegelbauer, Jullie Allen, Lisa White, Elsa Duranceau, Travis Spoehr, Carrie Zunker, and Lisa Stabe

1. Call to Order 6:31pm
2. Introductions
3. Approve February Minutes: No quorum
4. Status/Updates of Lincoln County Broadband Efforts
  - a. Charter RDOF update
    - Has new Director of Government Affairs
    - Fiber is in the ground in Town of Scott, has not been turned on.
    - Must be completed by 2028
  - b. BEAD Challenges, Regional Workshops, Grants update: Travis
    - Only government/municipalities are allowed to make BEAD challenges.
  - c. County ARPA Funds
    - Ken will advocate for allocation of funds for Broadband
      - a. Possible Consultant
  - d. FCC Updates
    - Definition of "broadband"
      - a. 100 download / 20 upload
    - Mandates for labels

- e. LCEDC Summit Update
  - 115 attendees
  - Andy Faust did a great presentation on the Broadband plan
- f. Speed Test Update
  - No longer available. The link has been removed from the LCEDC website
- g. Outreach Opportunities
  - Tomahawk Home, Sport, and Travel Show
    - Volunteers: Ken, Pat, Elsa, and Gordon
    - Message/materials
- 5. Approve Lincoln County Broadband Plan
- 6. Next Meeting Time/Date
  - a. April 25, 2024 @ 6:30pm – Lincoln Co Services Center and virtual