

LINCOLN COUNTY
Broadband Committee
Monday, July 17, 2023, 4:00 PM
Meeting Location: Room 247/248 Government Services Center
801 N. Sales St., Merrill WI 54452
Via Teleconference and In-Person Attendance

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Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting
4. Broadband Plan Development
 - Team Membership, Roles, and Time Commitment
 - Develop Goals
5. Set Next Meeting Date and Suggest Agenda Items
6. Adjourn

DISTRIBUTION:

Broadband Committee Members: Angela Cummings, Julie DePasse, Randy Detert, Laurie Thiel, Ken Wickham, Administrative Coordinator Renee Krueger, IT Director Travis Spoehr, and Land Information Manager Norm Bushor

Other County Board Supervisors

Department Heads

Bill Bialecki, Executive Director, Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation

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Tuesday, June 27, 2023 Broadband Meeting Notes

Ken called the meeting to order at 2:00.

No public comment.

M/S Detert/DePasse approval of minutes.

Discussed recommendations for Broadband Commission members.

- Invite the following to provide input, attend meetings, etc.: Local employers, internet service providers, Chambers of Commerce, Merrill and Tomahawk.
- May want to consider voting and non-voting members of the commission or non-voting subcommittee members.

Discussed goals for committee or commission.

- Parts of our county are very sparsely populated. The goal should not be to get high-speed internet to everyone, as this is not realistic.
- Possibly get grants to install satellite equipment to those areas we cannot reach with cable.
- We need to study maps to compare population density to areas that already have service or areas where future service is already planned (RDOF) and then prioritize projects to serve as many residents as possible. (Travis will send a link to the maps.)
- Mike Huth indicated four or five towers were planned for construction, though the timing of these was uncertain.

NCWRPC will meet, virtually, with the committee or commission again in September to go over maps, plans and priorities. In December or January, they will meet with the committee or commission in person.

Next meeting date is July 17, 2023, 4:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned.