

LINCOLN COUNTY
BROADBAND COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Monday July 17, 2023, 4:00 P.M.

Members present: Chair Wickham, Supervisor Detert, Supervisor Laurie Thiel

Members excused: Supervisor DePasse, Supervisor Cummings

Members Absent: None

Resource Members Present: IT Director Travis Spoehr, Administrative Coordinator Renee Krueger

Others Present: Supervisor Bill Bialecki, Patricia Voermans (virtual)

1. Meeting was called to order at by Chair Wickham at 4 pm
2. Public Comment – none
3. Approve the minutes from June 27, 2023
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4. Broadband Plan Development
 - Team Membership, Roles, and Time Commitment – discussed membership at previous meeting - 11 items recommended to include, but not limited to Townships, Emergency Management, County Board, major medical providers, 1 member from each fire department, both Chambers of Commerce, both school districts and libraries, local employers. Time commitments can be established by the commission.
 - Develop Goals – several options were discussed – minimum speed requirements, create internet service map of Lincoln County, create a realistic scenario for deployment of infrastructure by 1st quarter of 2024, identify and promote opportunities for residents to access self-help and educational information, encourage community support, and a goal of establishing a commission by the 4th quarter of 2023.
5. Next Meeting Date – August 21, 2023 at 4 pm.
6. Adjourned at 5:24 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Laurie Thiel, Secretary

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2. Public Comment – (virtual) Cindy Streich – spoke on the fact that in the Town of King, Villa Road was left off when Spectrum came in – all around them has internet – wants to have that “forgotten” part looked into.
3. Approve the minutes from June 17, 2023 - due to technical issues this will be carried over to next month.
4. Broadband Plan Development
 - Update on Status of Work Agreement with North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission – Chair Wickham said the agreement was signed by County Board Chair Friske after the July meeting, so they are working on our plan now – this is covered by the grant we received – approximately \$19,000
 - Update on Establishment of Lincoln County Broadband Commission - this has been approved by the County Board – Chair Wickham has volunteered to be the County Board Representative.
 - Review and Approve Goals – M/S Thiel/Detert to approve the goals as amended – Chair Wickham will be updated and we will add to the minutes
 - Review and Approve Membership – this will be passed along to the Economic Development Committee for further discussion.
 - Review Lincoln County Broadband Map (Travis Spoehr and Norm Bushor) – reviewed and discussed
5. Next Meeting Date – September 18, 2023 at 4 pm.
6. Adjourned at 5:12 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Laurie Thiel, Secretary