Kewaunee County
BROADBAND STUDY COMMITTEE
August 28, 2019 4:30 p.m.
Kewaunee County Administration Center, 810 Lincoln Street, Kewaunee, WI 54216
Human Services Training Room

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of August 28, 2019 Agenda
4. Approval of May 22, 2019 Minutes
5. Update of Wi-Fi Mesh Option
6. Discussion of Potential Options/Paths (WE Energies, et. Al.)
7. Discussion of Broadband Feasibility Study
8. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law
9. Next Meeting – September 25, 2019
10. Adjournment

Committee Mission Statement

"The mission of the Kewaunee County Broadband Study Committee is to research and gather information to educate the County Board and the community as to the various options and their costs required to serve the broadband needs of its citizens and businesses, and to encourage providers to invest and provide those services in Kewaunee County."

The Committee welcomes all visitors to listen and observe, but only Committee members and those invited to speak will be permitted to do so. Persons with disabilities needing special accommodations to attend or participate should contact the County Administrator's Office at (920) 388-7164 prior to the meeting so that accommodations may be arranged.

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MINUTES
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Call to Order: Vice-Chair Paape called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Members Present –Gary Paape, Mary Ellen Dobbins, Virginia Haske, Lee Luft, Scott Feldt, Steve Hanson, Ross Loining, Jeff Wisnicky, Richard Baker, Ryan Hoffman, Kim Larson, Frank Madzarevic, Jason Melotte, August Neverman.

Approval of Agenda: Wisnicky moved and Luft seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Dobbins moved and Hoffman seconded to approve the April 24, 2019. Motion carried.

Update on Broadband Expansion Grant: Feldt informed the committee that Door County Broadband (DCB) will be constructing a tower in the town of Lincoln near County Road C and County Road S. DCB is the County's partner identified in the grant application. The tower will allow for improved service in the Lincoln township area

Discussion of Potential Options/Paths: The committee held a long discussion regarding wifi mesh. Neverman talked about the possible option including the opportunity to realize a large cost savings if the equipment could be connected to poles owned by WPS. Neveramn explained the system and the type of equipment needed and the coverage distance. An option could be to start small and expand as needed as the ability to expand is easy. Hoffman and Madzarevic voiced support as an option and potential for a public/private partnership. Additional discussion followed regarding the wifi mesh option.

It was decided by the group to direct Feldt to contact WPS to discuss the wifi mesh option and use of WPS pole locations. Feldt should discuss with Neverman as to the challenges of a wifi mesh network and the potential of enlisting other private companies.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None.

Next Meeting: June 26, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Wisnicky moved and Luft seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Scott Feldt

Scott Feldt, Recording Secretary
Assistance by Gary Paape