

BUFFALO COUNTY MINUTES

Committee of the Board: Broadband Subcommittee

Date of the Meeting: Thursday, March 11, 2021

Chair Mr. Brad Schmidtkecht called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. at the Buffalo County Courthouse County Board Room in Alma, Wisconsin, and TEAMS.

Board Members Present: Mr. Max Weiss, Mr. David Danzinger (TEAMS), Mr. Brad Schmidtkecht, Gina Tomlinson, Carl Duley (TEAMS), Kevin Berich, Larry Jost, Christy Berger.

Others Present for All or Parts of the Meeting: Mr. Steve Schiffli, Sonya Hansen (TEAMS), Jane Hentges, Jim Hentges, Barry Drazkowski, Karen Settler, Kevin Berich.

Public Comments regarding Agenda Items: There were no public comments.

Review/Discussion/Action – Minutes of the Previous Meeting: A correction was noted INTEC needs to be adjusted to read NTEC. A motion was made, with correction, by Max Weiss to approve the minutes of January 21, 2021 seconded by Larry Jost. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action ~ Town of Cross, Broadband Presentation – Members of the Town of Cross Broadband Committee presented to the Buffalo County Broadband Subcommittee a very well-organized broadband project summery for the Town of Cross. A discussion was held on a favorable town survey, grant submissions and providers.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Jost and seconded by Mr. Danzinger to bring forward to the Economic Development Committee, the subcommittees backing for the issuance of a letter of support for \$100K to the Town of Cross for their broadband Project. A roll call vote was taken, all approved, Carried.

Mr. Schiffli provided Mrs. Hentges a copy of Resolution 17-12-06, Broadband Award Policy.

Review/Discussion/Action ~ Broadband Industry Update – Mr. Schiffli present information on the Starlink pilot project in Eau Claire County. Mr. Schmidtkecht updated the committee on Bug Tussles expansion in the county, Christy Berger present on NTEC, and Gina Tomlinson presented for CTC.

Review/Discussion ~ New Business – Gov. Evers declared 2021 “The Year of Broadband Access”. A discussion was held.

Review/Discussion ~ Chairperson Report – Mr. Schmidtkecht had no further comment.

Review/Discussion/Action ~ Next Meeting Date and Time. May 5, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. on the Agenda the Town of Cross Request for Fiscal Support, Broadband Expansion.

Motion by Mr. Jost to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen S. Schiffli, Economic Development Manager