

MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025 – 8:45 A.M.
BROADBAND TASKFORCE FOR BEAD PLANNING GRANT
COUNTY BOARD ROOM #3041 COURTHOUSE BUILDING “A”
301 WASHINGTON STREET, OCONTO, WI 54153-1699
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(Draft minutes, not approved by Committee)

COMMITTEE PRESENT: David Behrend, County Board Supervisor; Dennis Kroll, Town of Chase; Jayme Sellen, TEDCOR Executive Director; Mike Beyer, Town of Maple Valley; and Peter Wills, Oconto Falls Administrator (arrived at 8:55 a.m.)

COMMITTEE ABSENT: Brandon Dhuey, County Board Supervisor and David Van Zeeland, County Board Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT: Rich Heath, County Administrator; and Al Sleeter, County Board Chair

1. Call to Order

Chair Behrend called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

2. Statement of Vision: *All residents and businesses in Oconto County will have equitable access to affordable internet with a minimum of 100 Mbps down / 20 Mbps up speeds.*

3. Approval of Agenda

3.1. **Change of Sequence** – None.

3.2. **Removal of Items** – None.

Motion by Sellen/Kroll to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was voted on and carried.

4. Update on Project Units and Grant Funding

Sellen stated that right after the committee meeting on January 9, 2025, a representative from Bug Tussel asked Oconto County for an Endorsement Resolution. Sellen prepared an Endorsement Resolution for Bug Tussel and was provided in this meeting packet. Behrends wanted to know if Bug Tussel disclosed their 3rd party vendors. Sellen responded that they may in their application to the PSC, but it is not necessary at this stage of the process. Kroll asked if Bug Tussel indicated which areas they were interested in serving. Sellen said that their interest in one or more Project Units is not known, but with five interested Internet Service Providers, there is diversity in the applications.

Motion by Beyer/Kroll to approve the Endorsement Resolution for Bug Tussel and recommend approval by the Administration Committee. The motion was voted on and carried.

10. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date is February 11, 2025 at 10:00 am. in the County Board room.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Beyer/Sellen to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 a.m. The motion was voted on and carried.

rh/Date Posted: 01/17/25