



**Kewaunee County
BROADBAND STUDY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

February 27, 2019 4:30 p.m.

Kewaunee County Administration Center, 810 Lincoln Street, Kewaunee, WI 54216
Human Services Training Room

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

Roll Call: Members Present – Gary Paape, Aaron Augustian, Tom Cretney, Mary Ellen Dobbins, Virginia Haske, Tom Romdenne, Scott Feldt, Steve Hanson, Ross Loining, Jeff Wisnicky, Richard Baker, Ryan Hoffman, Kim Larson, Frank Mazdarevic, Jason Melotte, August Neverman.

Approval of Agenda: Romdenne moved and Dobbins seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Augustian moved and Romdenne seconded to approve the January 29, 2019. Motion carried.

Discussion of Study Group Mission Statement: Feldt provided the committee with copies of a proposed mission statement, committee goals and suggestions for changes. General discussion followed about making sure that the mission statement is not too lengthy. The committee asked Feldt to provide some mission statement options for consideration at the next meeting for approval.

Discussion of Hiring a Consultant: The topic of hiring a consultant to assist with the process was discussed. Feldt explained that while we have a number of members with technical expertise, he was unsure that those members would have the time to devote to leading the committee's efforts due to the current jobs and time constraints. The technical members agreed. Neverman added that before a consultant is chosen the committee must decide what is wanted or the goals of the committee. Melotte added that if grant money is to be applied for, then a needs study would need to be completed as part of the application.

The committee agreed this item should stay on the March agenda. A comment was made that the information surrounding the consultant, the scope of work and expectations should be made public to ensure transparency. General discussion followed related to goals and what concerns the public may have and how those concerns can be addressed.

Presentation: Internet Primer: Neverman and Loining provided an introduction to various terms, concepts and issues related to the internet and internet accessibility. The summary touched on how the internet is formed, the equipment involved, and how download speed is a critical factor in how businesses, schools and individuals use the internet. Various questions were asked and discussion was part of the presentation.



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Discussion of Study Group Goals: Feldt provided a copy of proposed goals for the committee and submitted suggestions for changes. General discussion took place regarding the incorporating all the various goals into one document and then identifying specific items that could be accomplished. This is similar to the "think Big, Execute Small" idea that was discussed in the previous meeting.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None.

Next Meeting: March 27 & April 24, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Dobbins moved and Hoffman seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Feldt". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Scott Feldt, Recording Secretary