



**Kewaunee County
BROADBAND STUDY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

April 24, 2019 4:30 p.m.

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

Call to Order: Chair Weidner called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Members Present – Robert Weidner, Gary Paape, Aaron Augustian, Tom Cretney, Mary Ellen Dobbins, Virginia Haske, Lee Luft, Tom romdenne, Scott Feldt, Steve Hanson, Ross Loining, Jeff Wisnicky, Ryan Hoffman, Kim Larson, Frank Mazdarevic, August Neverman. Additional Attendees – Jason Huston.

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

Approval of Minutes: Paape moved and Cretney seconded to approve the March 27, 2019. Motion carried.

Discussion of Potential Options/Paths: Neverman went over with the committee the results from the Google survey that was sent to committee members. Throughout the survey, the vast majority of the respondents strongly agreed or somewhat agreed that high speed internet service was needed in all of the areas indicated in each individual question. This translated into the need for high speed internet service everywhere in the county is important. Respondents indicated that 25 Mbps was the lowest download speed that should be made available to users. Respondents also indicated that the private sector, whether alone or part of a public-private partnership, should be the primary service provider. The survey respondents were split 50/50 on whether it is critical for the county to use the cheapest solution to provide good internet access to 90% of the county. They were also split 50/50 on whether it is critical for the county to provide high speed internet access to 90% of the county regardless of the cost. Additional discussion followed the survey results.

Another discussion took place regarding the idea of wifi mesh technology. Neverman provided a very general description as he not versed in the technology. Wifi mesh was likened to wireless internet in the home or business where multiple routers are present to help ensure signal and access. Wifi mesh could be considered a much larger version of that. Discussion followed as to where this might start and how the service would be rolled out. Questions were raised regarding cost, reliability and maintenance. It was agreed by the committee that additional information should be obtained for the next meeting.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None.

Next Meeting: May 22, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

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



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Submitted by:

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

Scott Feldt, Recording Secretary