



**Kewaunee County
BROADBAND STUDY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

March 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, Tom Cretney, Mary Ellen Dobbins, Virginia Haske, Lee Luft, Scott Feldt, Steve Hanson, Jeff Wisnicky, Richard Baker, Ryan Hoffman, Kim Larson, Frank Mazdarevic, August Neverman. Additional Attendees – John Pabich, Jason Huston, Jennifer Gonzalez.

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

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

Discussion of Study Group Mission Statement: Feldt provided the committee with copies of proposed mission statements. The committee discussed the mission statement options. Baker Moved, Hoffman seconded with a friendly amendment by Neverman for the mission statement to read as follows: ***"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."*** Motion carried.

Discussion of Study Group Goals: Feldt provided a copy of potential options and decision making considerations for the general discussion. Neverman also provided a map of potential fiber connections throughout the county. Neverman emphasized that the map was for discussion purposes only and should not be construed as to locations of fiber lines. Feldt and Neverman began the discussion as to how some of the various options could be seen as advantageous as well as the obstacles that they may face. Feldt stated to the Committee that the current discussion is not to necessarily identify a specific path or solution. The discussion is to help the group to determine the most important things they believe an expansion of internet access should achieve. Members from the group each gave their first impressions as to what should be the goals of the committee. The general consensus of the group was that improved service was a main goal. More discussion followed as topics of cost, difficulty of implementation, and the advantages and disadvantages of the various options. Options discussed included serving the most residents possible, serving the largest area that provides a specific minimum upload and download speed, serving the schools and students, and serving businesses and their needs. Each options discussed had positives and negatives. Decision making considerations included short term effects, long term effects, funding considerations, speed of implementation, political considerations, and how the options can be incorporated into various economic/community development plans. The committee will continue to discuss these issues at the next meeting. Neverman challenged the members for the next meeting to bring their rankings as to what options should be considered first, second, etc. and be prepared to discuss.



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Discussion of Hiring a Consultant: Deferred to later meeting.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None.

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

Adjournment: Luft moved and Cretney seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Submitted by:

Scott Feldt, Recording Secretary