



**Kewaunee County**  
**BROADBAND STUDY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**

May 22, 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, Mary Ellen Dobbins, Virginia Haske, Lee Luft, Scott Feldt, Steve Hanson, Ross Loining, Jeff Wisnicky, Richard Baker, Ryan Hoffman, Kim Larson, Frank Madzarevic, Jason Melotte, August Neverman.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Dobbins moved and Hoffman seconded to approve the April 24, 2019. Motion carried.

**Update on Broadband Expansion Grant:** Feldt informed the committee that Door County Broadband (DCB) will be constructing a tower in the town of Lincoln near County Road C and County Road S. DCB is the County's partner identified in the grant application. The tower will allow for improved service in the Lincoln township area

**Discussion of Potential Options/Paths:** The committee held a long discussion regarding wifi mesh. Neverman talked about the possible option including the opportunity to realize a large cost savings if the equipment could be connected to poles owned by WPS. Neveramn explained the system and the type of equipment needed and the coverage distance. An option could be to start small and expand as needed as the ability to expand is easy. Hoffman and Madzarevic voiced support as an option and potential for a public/private partnership. Additional discussion followed regarding the wifi mesh option.

It was decided by the group to direct Feldt to contact WPS to discuss the wifi mesh option and use of WPS pole locations. Feldt should discuss with Neveramn as to the challenges of a wifi mesh network and the potential of enlisting other private companies.

**Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law:** None.

**Next Meeting:** June 26, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Wisnicky moved and Luft seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Scott Feldt, Recording Secretary  
Assistance by Gary Paape