



**Kewaunee County
BROADBAND STUDY COMMITTEE**

February 20, 2020 1:00 p.m.

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

1. **Call to Order – Chairman Weidner called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.**
2. **Roll Call. August N. Steve H., John LeBrun (Network Consultant), Tom Cretney, Richard Baker, Virginia Haske, Frank Mazdarevic., Tom Romdenne, Bob Weidner, Gary Paape, Steve Schneider, Jay Wendt, Scott Feldt, Jeffrey R. Wisnicky.**
3. **Approval of February 20, 2020 Agenda**
4. **Approval of January 9, 2020 Minutes – Paape (motion) and Romdenne (second) moved to approve agenda and minutes. All voted in favor.**

Chair started by allowing Steve Schneider to provide an update on Kewaunee County's Broadband application and the steps Bug Tussel is taking.

Steve Schneider reported Bug Tussel is largely waiting for the results of the Broadband Grant awards. Steve discussed why he is not a proponent of fiber to the home. Steve explained the main problem as he see it, is the cost to run fiber to each home is prohibitive. Steve is a strong proponent of running fiber to aggregation points and would support fiber directly to a location in these strategic aggregation points. Steve showed us the proposed general locations of the tower and fiber line build out in Phase I and Phase II. Steve very willing to listen to locals as to where the fiber should go.

5. **Presentation: Brown County Community Area Network (BCCAN) – Neverman gives presentation on history of Brown County Network. BCCAN – Brown County Fiber Optic Network. August explained how Brown is doing a lot of deal making to build out its network. As an example if they are building a road, they try to apply for grants to include fiber. Or if Brown hears someone is building a fiber run, they will try to partner with them to build out their fiber network.**
6. **Discussion Kewaunee County Government Network**
7. **Discussion of Next Steps**
 - Broadband Forward Ordinance – Discussion that Kewaunee County is zoned at the local level. We need to have consensus with the local units of governments that will hopefully make the process smooth. Will try to attend next Town Unit meeting to start discussion. To at the very least clarify process. May 18 at West Kewaunee 7:00.**
 - Dig Once Ordinance – Discussion about creating a dig once policy or ordinance. Will also start with discussion at Town's meeting.**
 - Telecommuter Forward – Adds a little weight to grant applications. Neverman motion to approve, second by Cretney. All voted in favor.**



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-- Other Grant Opportunities – Defer.

- 8. Next Meeting – March 26, 2020 at 4:30 PM**
- 9. Adjournment Motion by Frank, Second by Richard Baker. All approve. Meeting adjournment 3:03 PM.**

Committee Mission Statement

“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.”

The Committee welcomes all visitors to listen and observe, but only Committee members and those invited to speak will be permitted to do so. Persons with disabilities needing special accommodations to attend or participate should contact the County Administrator's Office at (920) 388-7164 prior to the meeting so that accommodations may be arranged.