

Broadband Action Workgroup
June 2, 2022
Minutes

CTO: Chair Marsman 4pm

Roll Call: Members, Cooper*, Kotas, Bursma, Williams, Marsman; Storey* and Beltman joined at 4:10pm. Also present were Steve Schulz, Bloomingdale Comms., Project Manager Dunham; Administrator Sarro*

- = remote participants.

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Reports: Dunham reported on the survey and update. Issued a news release. Pizza stickers were provided to several pizza parlors.

Discussion items:

- a. Status of RFP – Dunham reported the RFP continues under construction with the administrative team.
- b. Lee Township update: member Kotas said that decision being made on whether they should be part of the RFP or not. They decided to request participation in the RFP. Even though the state hasn't released criteria for grant applications, Lee will proceed to develop applications, noting that lower economic areas that are unserved and underserved will have priority based upon the information coming out from various sources.
Kotas said Lee Township would like to ask the Board of Commissioners to ask the county to be part of the grant application up to the match amount committed by the township. Williams said he had no problem with that approach. Kotas said the goal is to be the first in line for state funds. William moved that the BAW support Lee Townships request of the Commissioners to match their funds; 8 yes 1 abstained.
- c. Dunham reported that Dan Wedge had sent the survey being prepared for circulation to a statistical sample to suggest a question, based on the Board of Commissioners request for a specific question for the National Community Survey.

Public Participation: no one sought recognition.

Adjournment: 5:22 pm