

Langlade County Broadband Commission Meeting Notes from October 17, 2023

1. Member Introductions
2. Tim Mahaulek from Ethoplex presented on Ethoplex current maps, projects and how they may be able to partner with Langlade County.
3. Scott Nyman from Cirrinity presented current fiber maps and updated Commission on current projects. The Town of Neva Broadband Grant application will be submitted by November 7, 2023.
4. Al Murray presented on maps that were provided to the Commission by Northcentral Regional Planning showing all the MFL, County, State and Federal lands summarized along with existing fiber locations from FCC.
5. Sawyer Lake Area Emergency Management discussion was held and possible proposals are being reviewed.
6. TRILEAF requested a letter of support to construct a 245 foot self-support telecommunications tower. Motion by Al, second by Jason to write a letter of support from the commission.
7. The Broadband Equity, Access & Deployment (BEAD) Initial Proposal Volume 2 is being provided to the public for comment. Comments must be received by 1:30 PM on Monday, December 11, 2023. The ERF system can be accessed through the Public Service Commission's website at <http://psc.wi.gov>. Members of the public may file comments using the ERF system or by mail at the Public Service Commission, 4822 Madison Yards Way, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, WI 53707-7854.
8. Bead Planning Grant Regional Workshop will be held in Rhinelander on October 25-26; Jason and Angie will be in attendance.
9. Next meeting date will be December 19, 2023.

Action Items since meeting on October 17, 2023

10. The Town of Neva Broadband Grant application was submitted; We received 11 Support Letters from a variety of businesses, stakeholders and residents of Town of Neva. According to Scot from Cirrinity \$42 million is available and \$221.6 million has been requested. I have a copy of the application summary if anyone is interested just send me an email. Fingers crossed.
11. Jason and I attended BEAD Training in Rhinelander. I met with three service providers; Frontier, InSight, and Bright Speed and emailed them a copy of the Assistance Request Form. Bright Speed is in part of Langlade County up by Parish area. He was going to do an analysis for us.
12. I have sent a reimbursement request to the BEAD Planning Grant for mapping invoices that were paid .
13. I will continue to keep you updated and I am including our website link for info: <https://langladecountyedc.org/about/meeting-agendas-minutes/broadband-commission/>