Langlade County Broadband Commission Meeting Notes; December 19, 2023

Frontier reported on Langlade County projects, very general but we are expecting some more specific information

Cirrinity Gave Update on Projects:

Currently still working on the Polar, Rolling and Norwood project, with good weather they were still able to work; completion of that project in late Spring/early summer.

Project Peck, Summit and Vilas will start in Spring of 2024. Tower is ready to go, the town of Summit has the contract with their lawyer to review and will get back to County early January (Neil was at meeting)

Town of Neva application made first cut but not expecting the awards to be announced until March.

Regarding the eastern part of the county for an emergency radio tower; they are in the process of evaluating if the elevation and location can provide coverage needed in order to pursue further conversations with land owner.

BEAD:

The BEAD challenge is the process the state will use to determine and verify the list of locations and community anchor institutions that are eligible for BEAD funding. The BEAD Challenge process for Wisconsin is anticipated to begin in January 2024, after NTIA reviews and approves a BEAD Challenge Process for Wisconsin.

Internet service providers, local and Tribal governments and non-profit organizations are eligible and invited to participate in the challenge process. The Commission has opened the docket <u>5-BCH-2024</u> for the BEAD Challenge Process. The WBO strongly encourages all interested and eligible entities to subscribe to the docket.

The Commission will use Broadband Serviceable Location (BSL) ID numbers for the challenge process. Eligible challengers may use the forthcoming BEAD challenge map to retrieve a small number of BSL IDs or for larger challenges may wish to download BSL ID numbers. Entities using lists of BSL IDs will need a free Tier D or E license from CostQuest Associates.

More information will be posted on the <u>Internet for All</u> webpage soon. Contact <u>PSCBEADChallenge@wisconsin.gov</u> with questions.

I will keep you all posted.

Thank you, and as always, please reach out with any questions.