

**Langlade County Broadband Commission Meeting Notes; Monday, October 14, 2024
4:00 PM**

Attendance: Eric Boman, Town of Upham; Angie Close, LCEDC; Al Murray LC; Niel Schueller, Town of Summit; Doug Curler, Town of Neva; Mark Lenoard PSC, Todd Kruse, Frontier

1) Project Updates:

Frontier reported on Langlade County projects and that Frontier did submit a Letter of Intent to the PSC office for approval to apply for BEAD projects.

Close gave an update on Cirrinity Projects; Project Peck, Summit and Vilas has started with locating and trenching.

Niel updated the Commission on the Tower Project in the Town of Summit; DNR has determined that there are wetlands so a NEPA study must be done first before project can begin.

2) Langlade County Broadband Plan and Review:

The Broadband working committee worked with Northcentral Regional Planning Commission to create a Langlade County Broadband Plan. The Commission Reviewed the Plan and suggested to add the new county profile, list the grant funded project outcome and make the map of the tower locations back to 3 miles radius.

Motion by Al Murray, second by Niel Schueller to approve the LC Broadband Plan with changes. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

3) BEAD Update:

Mark Leonard from the Wisconsin Public Service Commission gave a BEAD update to the commission. He shared resources regarding the BEAD timeline and new county profiles. 36 Internet Service Providers submitted Letter Of Intents. Any projects that are in a municipality receives points on the application if the municipality endorses the project. Endorsements are done by resolutions and are due by December 18, 2024.

4) Langlade County Broadband Resolution for BEAD Endorsement Projects

The Commission reviewed a request from Bertram Communications to provide fiber optic services to all 3,438 BEAD eligible Broadband Serviceable Locations according to the PSC.

Motion by Al Murray, second by Doug Curler, to recommend approval to the County Administrative and Finance Committee for consideration of a resolution to endorse Bertram to provide fiber optic services to all 3,438 BEAD eligible Broadband Serviceable locations in Langlade County. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

5) Any Other Business

6) Next Meeting Date, November 19, 2024 unless otherwise needed

7) Meeting Adjourned at 5:25

Angie Close, chair