

Langlade County Broadband Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 22, 2025

Attendance: Steve Maier; County Board Supervisor; Eric Boman, Town of Upham; Angie Close, LCEDC; Al Murray LC; Niel Schueller, Town of Summit; Doug Curler, Town of Neva; Mike Cragoe Town of Upham ; Mike OMaley-NSight; Jon Berres Nsight; Rick Brooks- NSight

1) Meeting called to order at 4:02 pm

2) Convene into closed session in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85(1)(e), Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Scoring of Internet Service Providers proposals that contain confidential or proprietary information.

Motion to move into closed session by Schueller, seconded by Murray. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion Approved.

3) Reconvene into open session

Motion to reconvene into open session by Maier, second by Schueller, All Ayes. Motion Carried

4) Consideration of action discussed during closed session: Information only. No action taken.

5) BEAD Timeline Update;

Number of Applications submitted to BEAD Round One Sub-Granting Summary was 425. Total Bead Funds Requested was \$2,978,629,527. Number of eligible locations included in submitted application 188,926 of 199,067 eligible locations. Total funds available; 1.05 Billion. The approval process consists of the Wisconsin PSC recommending awards to NTIA by July 31, 2025. The NTIA will make final approval. Awards are projected to be announced in Fall of 2025. Announcement of BEAD grant round 2 will be forthcoming. Alternative Technologies which includes Fixed Wireless options will be accepted in grand round 2 and 3. Wisconsin Digital Equity Capacity Grant Applications will be due on May 20, 2025. Other Grant opportunities were discussed. The Federal Landscape and where BEAD sits today was also discussed. Moving forward as planned until otherwise directed.

6) ISP Provider Update on current Projects

Close read an update from Scott Nyman @ Cirrinity. Cirrinity started the Neva build early and anticipate a mid-summer 2025 completion.

Schueller updated the Tower Progress; waiting for weather for construction and move of the tower.

Close updated the Commission that Bertram submitted the BEAD application on the 21st of February.

7) Next Steps

The commission spoke on next steps and working with Public Safety and best prioritized consumer cellular and fixed wireless options.

Town of summit requested information on how Town Halls can become more of the community anchor as the ice-storm proved that Town Halls are not prepared

for emergency situations as most do not have generators. Request to invite Emergency Manager Travis Krueger to Town Unit Meeting to give presentation and to continue to look for grant dollars to help Town Halls purchase generators and emergency equipment that is needed for residents.

8) Next Meeting Date, May 20, 2025 unless otherwise needed

9) Meeting Adjourned at 5:20 pm

Angie Close, Chair