

**Langlade County Broadband Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 25, 2025**

Attendance: 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 ; Mark Leonard PSC, Mike OMaley-NSight; Jon Berres Nsight

**1) Meeting called to order at 4:01 pm**

**2) BEAD Timeline Update;**

Mark Leonard from Wisconsin PSC updated the commission on BEAD Round One Sub-Granting Selection Process. Round One application is due Tuesday, February 25, 2025 by 4:59 pm. 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. Webinar will be held on April 10. Other Grant opportunities were discussed. The Federal Landscape and where BEAD sits today was also discussed. Mark stated they are moving forward as planned until otherwise directed.

**3) ISP Provider Update on current Projects**

Mick O'Malley Director of Government Relations and Director of Engineering Jon Berres from Nsight gave an update regarding the fixed wireless BEAD submission for the Elton area project. Further discussions will be held at a future meeting regarding a more detailed overview of Cellcom broadband capabilities in Langlade County.

Close read an update from Scott Nyman @ Cirrinity. Cirrinity started the Neva build early and anticipate a mid-summer 2025 completion. Tower site is progressing as well.

Close updated the Commission that Bertram submitted the BEAD application on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February. The Commission team was able to attend 16 Township meetings and Village of White Lake with 14 Towns and 1 Village approving supporting the project. Town of Langlade and Vilas were the other two municipalities that were not able to provide a support letter due to not able to meet prior to application deadline.

**4) Next Steps**

Continue to meet with ISP's to discuss further needs especially in the fixed wireless and mobil services area and to continue to monitor current projects.

**5) Next Meeting Date, March 18, 2025 unless otherwise needed**

**6) Meeting Adjourned at 4:45 pm**

Angie Close, chair