

Langlade County Economic Development Corporation
Langlade County Broadband Commission Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2026

Attendance: Niel Schueller - Town of Summit, Eric Boman - Town of Upham, Doug Curler - Town of Neva, Melissa Kieper – LCEDC, Mike Cragoe – Town of Upham, Chris Crawford – Spectrum, Mark Leonard – WI Public Service Commission

1) Meeting called to order at 12:02 pm

2) Introductions

3) Meeting minutes approved from March 24, 2026, Curler motion, Boman Seconded. All Ayes.

4) PSC Update:

- BEAD grant agreements are in process with award recipients. Several in review for NEPA status. Once agreements are signed, grantees will have 4 years to complete buildouts ~ 2030. Approximately 60 total grant agreements state wide have been signed to date. Those that are interested may obtain additional updates via the PSC docket.

- The next round of funding for broadband is now available. FY2026 Broadband Expansion Grant. This round will make approximately \$60M available for broadband deployment projects in unserved areas of WI. Eligible applicants include an organization, a telecommunications utility, or a political subdivision of the State (city, village, town, or county) that has established a legal partnership or joint venture arrangement with an otherwise qualified organization or telecommunications utility; and as such meets the eligibility requirements set forth in [Wis. Stat. § 196.504\(1\)](#). Applications are due July 27, 2026.

There are 2934 unserved locations in Langlade County and 115 targeted locations (not currently identified for federal funding – BEAD funding). Applicants could apply regarding the 2934 eligible locations already slated for Federal BEAD money; however, they would need to provide a convincing argument as to why monies should be allocated to locations already scheduled for upgraded internet services.

Mark Leonard dropped links to the online chat for refs. More information is available here ~ <https://psc.wi.gov/Pages/ServiceType/Broadband/GrantsStateExpansion.aspx>

- The state also has about \$300M in unallocated funds that are to be applied to internet expansion and training; however, those monies are currently being held with no eta for release by the state at this time.

5) ISP Provider Update on current Projects

- Spectrum: Chris gave a construction updates re the RDOLF projects, advising crews will be activated July/August in the following areas ~ Pickerel Lake, Rollingstone Lake, Crystal Lake, and East of Pearson along County Rd T. These projects are funded through the RDOF grants and are fiber to the home.

- Cirrinity: No Report

- Frontier: No Report

6) No Need to 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.

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7) Reconvene into open session ~ N/A

8) Consideration of action discussed during closed session ~ N/A

9) Next Steps

- Kieper to send out links to commission email group as provided by Mark Leonard. Kieper will also send out an email to the commission regarding the next round of available funding ~ State Broadband Expansion Grant

10) Any other business ~ N/A

11) Next Meeting Date: September 15, 2026 @ 12:00pm

12) Meeting Adjourned at 12:30 PM

Niel Schueller, Interim Chair