



Broadwater County Broadband Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Vic Sample, Chairman; Roger Flynn, Vice-Chair;
Warren Smeltzer, Secretary; Members, Joe Gill,

Commissioner

Lindsey Richtmyer

Assistant

Melinda Reidy

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Chairman Sample at 4:03 p.m..

Roll Call:

Reading of Previous Minutes: The previous minutes were not ready and will be approved at the next meeting.

Public Comment: The Chair called for public comment 3 times. Hearing none he moved to the Agenda Items.

Agenda:

Discussion/Decision, NTIA Webinars

Discussion was held regarding the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) webinars that board members had an opportunity to set in on. It was decided that this may not be the best use of our time as the primary focus seems to be to improve their processes.

Discussion/Decision, Community Grants Webinar

After reviewing and discussing the rules for these Community Connect Grants it was decided that we would not be qualified. The county would have to be their own provider and state statutes would preclude the county from owning Broadband unless there was an area that was unserved or underserved.

Discussion/Decision, Update from Local Businesses

The Board reviewed the speeds that local businesses are currently receiving. It seems that those on the southern end are also receiving slower speeds.

Discussion/Decision, Action Items and upcoming meeting dates and times, Commission Update

Discussion was held regarding the county requesting the location of pipes from each of the providers. This is an effort to identify where each has easements.

There will be a meeting with Tester's representatives on May 2, 2023 Dean Nelson from Opticom may join us for that.

It was decided to have Commissioner Richtmyer update the rest of the Commissioners at their next meeting.

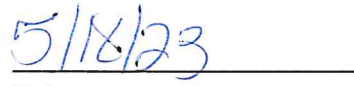
Next meeting May 2, 2023, at 4:30p.m.

Public comment on items not on the agenda but under jurisdiction of the Board.

There being no more business the meeting was adjourned.


Respectfully Submitted:


Warren Smeltzer-Secretary


Date

Approved:


Vic Sample, Chair


Date