



## **BROADWATER COUNTY BROADBAND** **BOARD MINUTES**

*Vic Sample; Chair (Absent) ~ Roger Flynn; Vice-Chair ~ Joe Gill ~ Adam Six  
Lindsey Richtmyer; Commission Liaison ~ Melinda Reidy; Admin/Contact*

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### **Friday, August 29, 2023, 8:30AM**

Vice Chairman, Roger Flynn called to order at 8:35 a.m. Chairman Vic Sample was absent. All other members were present including Commissioner Richtmyer, Commission Liaison, and Commissioner Randolph

There was no public comment and role was taken.

Joe Gill moved to approve the minutes from the August 11th meeting. Adam Six seconded and the motion was carried.

The Board read a letter of interest from Spencer Sellay and originally recommended to the County Commissioners to approve his appointment to the Broadband Advisory Board. Later in the meeting, another community member stated he was interested as well and would provide a letter of interest before the end of the 30-day open enrollment period. The motion was amended and Adam Six moved to table the discussion at the next meeting. Joe Gill seconded and it was carried.

Multiple board members will be attending the CAC (Communications Advisory Commission) meeting on September 6<sup>th</sup> in Helena, MT. The Board discussed that safety issues and E911 need to be brought to light. The fact that there are multiple counties without E911 services is a serious problem and the fact that these counties do not have the infrastructure for these services. This can be seen when emergency services are needed in the southern part of the county and when wildfires are influencing our safety requirements for public communication and notifications.

The board discussed maybe the school could potentially send home information about the state-wide speed test and map challenge. Having the test available and instructions clear on how to perform the tests and/or challenges will be the difficult part. Then the question is 'What will this data look like once the data has been collected'. The speed test numbers will fluctuate depending on what kind of device a person is using.

The Board discussed that the new County Administrative Officer is meeting with two members of the board on Wednesday, August 30 at 2 PM and is looking forward to seeing how this position can benefit this board when it comes to project management. TJ Graveley will also be a part of this meeting as he is the Public Works Supervisor. This process will also need an RFP (Request For Proposal) legal notice.

The Board discussed the need for a third party to collaborate with to decipher a concrete plan to submit for funding grants.

Adam Six moved to table the discussion of a regular meeting time until the next meeting. Joe Gill seconded. The motion was carried

A special meeting was scheduled for September 7, 2023, at 4 PM in the Flynn Building to discuss the CAC meeting and follow up on letters of interest.

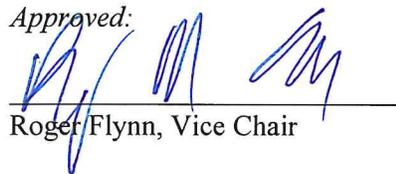
The next regular meeting will be September 28, 2023, at 4 PM in the Flynn Building

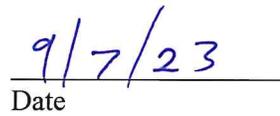
The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Melinda Banks, Assistant

  
Date

*Approved:*  
  
Roger Flynn, Vice Chair

  
Date