

Public Utility Service
Tuesday, September 28, 2021 @ 12:00 PM
Chambers

MINUTES

**12:00
PM**

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Schwartz at 12:02 P.M.

Committee Present: Schwartz, Jones, DiVeronica and Magliocca

Absent: Walters

Additional Present: Cindy Edick, Scott Ingmire, Samantha Field, Melissa Martel Felton, Paul Lutwak, Mark Scimone, and Gwen Williamson

Approval of Minutes

August minutes were approved as submitted at 12:04 P.M.

Motion by Rocky DiVeronica to Approve August 24 2021 minutes. Second by Joe Magliocca. The motion was Passed.

Absent: Jones, Walters

Old and Current Business

RECONNECT Grant Status:

The grant agreement is in the process of being completed. Tasks were divided with many items being handled by Cindy Edick. Edick updated the committee on her progress to date. Melissa Martel Felton is working on finalizing the agreement with Empire.

Development of RFP RE: Engineering Services / Construction Management Services:

ECC had submitted a proposal for consideration of professional services pertaining to engineering consulting and construction management. USDA determined that the engineering portion is covered by the engineer and the construction management portion falls under the responsibility of the recipient and is not covered by grant funding specifically. The committee discussed and agrees that ECC has the expertise, the depth of experience, and the specific knowledge of this project (having been critical consulting support from the onset); and this expertise is not matched amongst those tasked with implementation of this grant; and therefore it may be in the best interest of the county to consider continued ECC professional services-pertaining to construction management - outside of the grant funding.

Resolutions:

1. Authorizing a Grant and Security Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture for a Broadband Reconnect Award

This resolution was previously approved at the August 24, 2021 meeting and the vote here is a reflection of that meeting. The only change from then to now is that the date of the Board of Supervisors meeting was updated.

Motion by Rocky DiVeronica to Authorize a Grant and Security Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture for a Broadband Reconnect Award. Second by Joe Magliocca. The motion was Passed.

Absent: Jones, Walters

Other Committee Business

Eve Ann Shwartz has reached out to Alice at Spectrum requesting an estimated number of what it would require for Spectrum to connect to areas that are not included in the Spectrum build-out plan. She will keep the committee informed. Discussion ensued regarding resident's feedback on satisfaction level of those who have received the new services from Spectrum.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Madison County Public Utility Services Committee will be October 26, 2021 at noon in the Supervisors' Chambers.

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted: Gwen Williamson

Motion by Rocky DiVeronica to Adjourn. Second by Joe Magliocca. The motion was Passed.

Absent: Walters