

Minnesota Rural Broadband Coalition
Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2018

Attendance:

On Phone: Danna MacKenzie, DEED OBD; Paul Solsrud and Jason Dale, CNS; Connie Schmoll, Kandiyohi Economic Development; Kirk Bustrom, UMRDC; and Steve Giorgi, RAMS.

On-Site: Nancy Hoffman, Chisago County; Vince Robinson, Lincoln County; Dan Larson, MN Rural Counties; Sam Walseth, MN Rural Education Association; Heidi Steinmetz, Kanabec County; Emily Murray, AMC; Steve Fenske, MAT; Bernadine Joselyn, Blandin Foundation; Joe Buttweiler, CTC; Katie Kienbaum, ISLR; Jane Leonard, Growth and Justice; Bree Maki, Senator Smith; Bree's intern, Senator Smith; Jordan Zeller ECRDC; Thom Peterson, MN Farmers Union; Jay Trustee, SW RDC; Kate Hansing McDonald, R9DC; Bill Coleman, CTA; Patrick Murray, Cooperative Network; Jenny Glumack, MN Rural Electric Association; Bill Black, MMUA; Ann Finn, AMC; Becky Lourey, Nemadji Research; Ann Treacy, Treacy Information Services.

Nancy Hoffman called the meeting to order.

Vince Robinson reported out on the organizational structure. No negative comments were received.

Volunteers were sought for the Executive Committee. The goal is to have a group between five and seven members with diverse sector and geographic representation.

Executive Committee

Nancy Hoffman, representing county economic development
Vince Robinson, representing county economic development
Thom Peterson, representing agriculture
Jane Leonard, representing non-profits
Steve Giorgi, representing cities and education
Brian Krambeer, MI Energy, representing cooperatives

There is a desire to find candidates for both health and education

Health - Steve Gottwalt suggested

Education Sam Walseth suggested

Legislative Committee

Nancy Hoffman, Joe Buttweiler, Jay Trustee, Dan Larson, Thom Peterson

Communications/Membership

Heidi Steinmetz, Dan Larson, Bill Coleman

Need for a handout.

Fundraising

Bill Coleman

Everyone!

Contract with AMC

Motion by Connie Schmoll, 2nd by Becky Lourey.

Approved.

Contract with Conservation Strategies

Motion by Vince Robinson. Second by Connie Schmoll.

Approved

Vince Robinson will take the lead to get formal contract agreements.

Opportunities for support and membership

AMC County meetings

MAT - in Duluth, 11//15-17

Coalition of Greater MN Cities

Border to Border Broadband Conference

Others?

Meeting adjourned.