



Brad Little, Governor
Tom Kealey, Director

Broadband Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

Joe R. Williams Building

700 W. State Street, Boise, 1st floor

Broadband Task Force

Dana Bassett, *Glanbia*

Jaynie Bentz, *Assistant Port Manager*

Doug Burnett, *Coeur d'Alene Resort*

Guy Cherp, *Cox Communications*

Sen. Carl Crabtree, *Idaho Legislator*

Nancy Cyr, *Idaho Power*

Paul Desaulniers, *Century Link*

Kevin England, *Association of Cities*

Jessica Epley, *Frontier Communications*

Rep. Mat Erpelding, *Idaho Legislator*

Pat Felzien, *Micron*

Curtis Fryer, *Idaho Forest Group*

Randy Gaines, *Idaho State University*

Cheryl Goettsche, *Sparklight*

Jerry Gwynn, *Idaho National Laboratory*

Robert Hampton, *Jacksons*

Will Hart, *Consumer Owned Utilities*

Marian Jackson, *Charter Communications*

Gordon Jones, *Boise State University*

Tom Kealey, *Idaho Department of Commerce*

Mike Kennedy, *Intermax Networks*

Greg Lowe, *Syringa Networks*

Sen. David Nelson, *Idaho Legislator*

Brad Richy, *Idaho Office of Emergency Management*

Kenneth Smith, *HP*

Chanel Tewalt, *Idaho Department of Agriculture*

Tara Thue, *AT&T*

Jaap Vos, *University of Idaho*

Jeff Weak, *The State of Idaho*

Idaho Commerce Staff

Matt Borud, *Marketing and Innovation Administrator*

Jake Reynolds, *Business Development & Operations Administrator*

Eric Forsch, *Business Retention and Expansion Manager*

Magaly Carrillo, *Administrative Assistant*

Goals and Objectives of the Task Force - Welcome and Housekeeping

Director Tom Kealey welcomed the Broadband Task Force and gave a summary of the expectations of the Task Force meetings. He also thanked the members for their collaboration.

Session One: Preliminary Discussion

Moderator: Tom Kealey- Idaho Department of Commerce Director.

Director Kealey led the discussion over the recommendations from the different subcommittees. The recommendations strongly voiced that rural communities were underserved, and these communities were considered a high priority. Moreover, the committee discussed the amount of detail to include in the report. Such as which case studies to include and the ones to leave out. In addition, they debated over the wording used in the draft and asked for clarification on such. They came to the agreement to add an appendix that will include information that did not make it to the final report that will serve to educate the public.

Governor Little stopped by and thanked the task members for their collaboration. He also expressed the need for affordable and accessible connectivity. Furthermore, the Governor mentioned that he was looking forward to the recommendations from the Task Force.

Session Two: Overview of Preliminary Recommendations

The committee members discussed the draft document and recommended that the final document should include short term goals, also referred to as “shovel ready projects”, and long-term goals. They also agreed that funding was necessary to implement many of the projects. Such funding could come from federal and state grants. Moreover, they acknowledged the need for a broadband office and the duties that it would fulfill. They concluded by stating that 5 recommendations will be presented to Governor Little by the end of October.

The next steps include getting a preliminary draft done within two weeks and to have a final report ready by October 29th or October 30th.

Adjourn

Director Kealey thanked the members and the public for attending and closed the meeting.