

Idaho Broadband Advisory Board Meeting

**Chairman,
Representative
John Vander
Woude**
Ada County

**Vice Chairman,
Senator Carl
Crabtree**
Bonner, Clearwater,
Idaho, and
Shoshone Counties

**Representative
Megan Blanksma**
Elmore, Owyhee,
and Twin Falls
Counties

**Representative
Barbara Ehardt**
Bonneville County

**Senator David
Nelson**
Benewah & Latah
Counties

**Senator Doug
Ricks**
Bonneville and
Madison Counties

Andrew Emerson
MH Solutions

Mitch Watkins
Watkins Distributing

Margie Watson
JC Watson &
Company

June 7, 2021 | 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Idaho Department of Commerce

Teleconference [Meeting Link](#)

ID: 895 6212 6059 | Passcode: 401221

700 W. State Street – JR Williams Building East Conference Room

Time	Topic	Lead	Notes
1:00 pm	Call to Order	Chairman	
	Roll Call		
1:05 pm	Approval of Meeting Minutes	Idaho Broadband Advisory Board	Action Item
1:10 pm	Board Purpose & Procedures	Idaho Broadband Advisory Board	Action Item
2:00 pm	CARES Act Funding of \$10 Million - Process and Time Frame	Idaho Broadband Advisory Board	Action Item
2:45 pm	New Business	Idaho Broadband Advisory Board	Action Item
3:00 pm	Adjournment	Idaho Broadband Advisory Board	Action Item

Idaho Broadband Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 7, 2021

JRW Building- East Conference Room
700 W State Street, Boise, ID 83702

Idaho Broadband Advisory Board Members	Idaho Commerce Staff
<p>Chairman, Rep. John Vander Woude, <i>Idaho Legislator</i></p> <p>Vice Chair Sen. Carl Crabtree, <i>Idaho Legislator (Z)</i></p> <p>Rep. Megan Blanksma, <i>Idaho Legislator</i></p> <p>Rep. Barbara Ehardt, <i>Idaho Legislator (Z)</i></p> <p>Sen. David Nelson, <i>Idaho Legislator (Z)</i></p> <p>Sen. Doug Ricks, <i>Idaho Legislator (Z)</i></p> <p>Mitch Watkins, <i>Watkins Distribution</i></p> <p>Margie Watson, <i>JC Watson & Company</i></p> <p>Not in attendance: Andrew Amerson, MH Solutions</p> <p>(Z) denotes via Zoom</p>	<p>Tom Kealey, <i>Director Idaho Commerce</i></p> <p>Jake Reynolds, <i>Business Development & Operations Administrator</i></p> <p>Eric Forsch, <i>Broadband Development Manager</i></p> <p>Ewa Szewczyk, <i>Grants and Contracts Manager</i></p> <p>Andrea Vlassis-Zahn, <i>International Trade Specialist</i></p> <p>Holly Stevenson, <i>Grants and Contracts Analyst(Z)</i></p> <p>Magaly Carrillo, <i>Community Development Analyst (Z)</i></p>

Call to Order

Chairman Rep. John Vander Woude called the meeting to order at 1:00pm with a quorum present.

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Vander Woude noted that the minutes for June 2, 2021, Idaho Broadband Advisory Board meeting had been distributed.

Motion:

If there are no corrections, move to approve the minutes as distributed.

Moved by: Mitch Walkins

Seconded by: Margie Watson

All in favor. Motion Approved.

Board Purpose and Procedures

In regard to the purpose and structure for the group, Representative Blanksma presented to the Idaho Broadband Advisory Board the Water Board bylaws.

The Advisory Board discussed the similarities and differences between the water board organization and those of the Economic Advisory Council (EAC) whether either structure better fit the Advisory Board.

There were no concerns about the draft provided by Representative Blanksma.

Motion:

For Idaho Department of Commerce to make a draft proposal about the board structure and bring it to the board for final approval.

Moved by: Senator Crabtree

Seconded by: Representative Blanksma

All in Favor. Motion approved.

CARES Act Funding of \$10 Million- Process and Time Frame

Concerns about the grant only targeting households but not the middle mile or other types of projects. It was mentioned that the guidance for the use of the CARES funds must meet certain criteria such as for people to telework, have access to telehealth, and for online learning. Therefore, new wording for the grant portal must make sure to include CARES criteria.

Board members discussed the wording on the grant portal for the public comments. Board members mentioned that it is preferred to have a wide definition of those who can apply to expand the pool of applicants.

Board members also discussed the possibility to add wording so applicants know that if they don't qualify for \$10 million it can be considered for additional funding.

As of the time of the meeting, Idaho Commerce has not received any public comments.

Motion:

For Idaho Commerce to remove household designation and to rewrite the guidelines to broaden eligible applicants. Also, to mention that if the project is not funded with the 10 million, the project is not excluded from being funded by the 35 million.

Moved by: Senator Crabtree

Seconded by: Representative Blanksma

All in favor. Motion passed.

New Business

Senator Nelson gave a brief overview of the challenges and accomplishments of the Idaho Broadband Task Force. He mentioned that the Task Force:

- identified where challenges in the state were.
- included recommendations on dig once and hang once.
- need to address middle mile projects and public safety projects.

The task force provided recommendations to Governor Little in 2019. Idaho Commerce will provide the recommendations given to Governor Little by the Task to the Advisory Board.

Another discussion was what broadband plans look like in other states. Idaho Commerce mentioned that they will provide the Board with an interactive website link that compares states, contains executive summaries and overviews on broadband plans.

Next meeting:

Motion:

The next meeting is subject to the call of the Chair.

Moved by: Representative Blanksma

Seconded by: Mitch Watkins

All in favor. Motion passed.

Chairman Rep. John Vander Woude adjourned the meeting at 2:53pm.

Idaho Broadband Advisory Board Meeting – Virtual Chat Log

Monday June 7, 2021 | 1:30pm – 4:30pm

- 13:04:58 From Elijah to Everyone : Could the host please give us permission to record the meeting?
- 13:05:39 From Andrea Vlassis-Zahn, Idaho Dept. of Commerce to Idaho Broadband Advisory Board (Patty Morgan)(Direct Message) : - online that will need audio: Senator Doug Ricks, Senator David Nelson, Rep. Barbara Ehardt, Sen. Carl Crabtree
- 13:07:17 From Idaho Broadband Advisory Board (Patty Morgan) to Andrea Vlassis-Zahn, Idaho Dept. of Commerce(Direct Message) : They need to un mute themselves. I can't do it. Elijah asked if he could record. sent note to everyone
- 13:08:40 From Andrea Vlassis-Zahn, Idaho Dept. of Commerce to Idaho Broadband Advisory Board (Patty Morgan)(Direct Message) : Ok I'll let them know.
- 13:08:54 From Andrea Vlassis-Zahn, Idaho Dept. of Commerce to Idaho Broadband Advisory Board (Patty Morgan)(Direct Message) : I'm not sure the recording i know we are not recording
- 13:09:12 From Idaho Broadband Advisory Board (Patty Morgan) to Andrea Vlassis-Zahn, Idaho Dept. of Commerce(Direct Message) : I did not give him permission
- 13:10:18 From Idaho Broadband Advisory Board (Patty Morgan) to Andrea Vlassis-Zahn, Idaho Dept. of Commerce(Direct Message) : Unless you approve it that is!
- 13:11:43 From Andrea Vlassis-Zahn, Idaho Dept. of Commerce to Idaho Broadband Advisory Board (Patty Morgan)(Direct Message) : Since it was not address prior let's not. We will confirm prior to the next.
- 13:38:44 From Andrea Vlassis-Zahn, Idaho Dept. of Commerce to Idaho Broadband Advisory Board (Patty Morgan)(Direct Message) : I am not seeing any chat, is there anything i am missing.
- 13:46:13 From Idaho Broadband Advisory Board (Patty Morgan) to Andrea Vlassis-Zahn, Idaho Dept. of Commerce(Direct Message) : No the only Everyone chat was a request from Elijah to record the meeting
- 13:46:33 From Andrea Vlassis-Zahn, Idaho Dept. of Commerce to Idaho Broadband Advisory Board (Patty Morgan)(Direct Message) : Ok thank you,
- 13:51:33 From Chris St Germaine to Everyone : believe the more time you provide folks to build the better. Project development timeline of completion by 12-15-21 is going to limit us to shovel ready low hanging fruit.
- 13:53:39 From Guy Cherp to Everyone : Important to consider the current grant application review process "prioritizes" households.

Idaho Broadband Advisory Board Meeting - Virtual Attendance Log

Monday June 7th, 2021 | 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Name (Original Name)	User Email	Join Time	Leave Time	Duration (Minutes)	Guest
(1208) 252-2446		6/7/2021 13:15	6/7/2021 13:39	24	Yes
(1208) 332-1891		6/7/2021 12:49	6/7/2021 14:53	125	Yes
(1208) 476-9829		6/7/2021 12:57	6/7/2021 14:53	117	Yes
(1208) 580-2091		6/7/2021 13:35	6/7/2021 14:53	79	Yes
(1425) 241-4464		6/7/2021 13:07	6/7/2021 14:53	107	Yes
Adam Johnston	adam.johnston@zayo.com	6/7/2021 12:57	6/7/2021 14:53	117	Yes
Andrea Vlassis-Zahn# Idaho Dept. of Commerce		6/7/2021 12:51	6/7/2021 14:53	123	Yes
Andrew Mentzer		6/7/2021 13:38	6/7/2021 14:04	26	Yes
Andrew Mentzer (WCMEDC)		6/7/2021 13:15	6/7/2021 13:37	23	Yes
Association of Idaho Cities	jbell@idahocities.org	6/7/2021 12:57	6/7/2021 14:53	117	Yes
Barbara Sessions		6/7/2021 13:49	6/7/2021 14:53	65	Yes
blake		6/7/2021 13:12	6/7/2021 14:41	89	Yes
Brian Whitlock# Idaho Hospital Association		6/7/2021 13:40	6/7/2021 14:43	63	Yes
Carlie Foster		6/7/2021 12:54	6/7/2021 13:58	64	Yes
ccrabtree		6/7/2021 12:59	6/7/2021 14:53	115	Yes
Charlotte Cunningham		6/7/2021 12:53	6/7/2021 14:53	121	Yes
Chris Curtin		6/7/2021 13:04	6/7/2021 14:53	110	Yes
Chris St Germaine		6/7/2021 13:00	6/7/2021 14:53	114	Yes
Christina Mangiapani		6/7/2021 12:55	6/7/2021 14:53	119	Yes
City of Chubbuck - Public Works (RTB - Public Works)		6/7/2021 13:03	6/7/2021 14:12	69	Yes
Colleen Rosson	director@silvervalleyedc.com	6/7/2021 13:00	6/7/2021 14:53	114	Yes
Craig Logan		6/7/2021 12:51	6/7/2021 14:53	122	Yes
darrin terry		6/7/2021 13:12	6/7/2021 14:03	52	Yes
David McKnight	david@airbridgebroadband.com	6/7/2021 12:59	6/7/2021 13:04	5	Yes
David Nelson	david.nelson@cordelia.info	6/7/2021 12:59	6/7/2021 14:53	115	Yes
Devin Cox	dcox@entpnt.com	6/7/2021 13:01	6/7/2021 14:53	113	Yes
Dirk Mendive - Con. Fulcher's Office		6/7/2021 12:58	6/7/2021 14:53	116	Yes
Dodd Snodgrass# CEDA		6/7/2021 13:05	6/7/2021 14:53	108	Yes
Doug Ricks	dricks@senate.idaho.gov	6/7/2021 12:58	6/7/2021 14:53	116	Yes
Dylan Baker	dylan.baker@libraries.idaho.gov	6/7/2021 13:04	6/7/2021 14:53	110	Yes
Dylan Baker	dylan.baker@libraries.idaho.gov	6/7/2021 13:15	6/7/2021 13:23	8	Yes
Elijah		6/7/2021 13:03	6/7/2021 14:53	110	Yes
Eric Smallwood		6/7/2021 12:57	6/7/2021 14:53	116	Yes
Gail Long - TDS		6/7/2021 12:54	6/7/2021 14:53	120	Yes
Gina Taruscio	director@pepedo.org	6/7/2021 13:02	6/7/2021 14:53	112	Yes
Guy Cherp	guy.cherp@cox.com	6/7/2021 13:02	6/7/2021 14:53	111	Yes
Holly Stevenson	holly.stevenson@commerce.idaho.gov	6/7/2021 13:01	6/7/2021 14:53	112	Yes
Idaho Broadband Advisory Board (Patty Morgan) (Patty Morgan for Idaho Broadband Advisory Board)	patty@redshoesolutions.com	6/7/2021 12:41	6/7/2021 14:53	133	No
iPad		6/7/2021 12:55	6/7/2021 14:53	119	Yes
J.D. Bennetts (jd)		6/7/2021 13:07	6/7/2021 14:53	107	Yes
Jacob Cluff	jacob.r.cluff@gmail.com	6/7/2021 13:00	6/7/2021 14:53	114	Yes
Jacy's iPhone		6/7/2021 12:53	6/7/2021 14:53	121	Yes
James Wescott		6/7/2021 12:59	6/7/2021 14:53	115	Yes
Jason Kreizenbeck		6/7/2021 12:58	6/7/2021 14:45	107	Yes
Jaynie Bentz	portjaynie@portoflewiston.com	6/7/2021 13:00	6/7/2021 14:53	113	Yes
Jennifer Somers	jennifer.somers@centurylink.com	6/7/2021 14:31	6/7/2021 14:53	22	Yes
jmcdaniel		6/7/2021 13:34	6/7/2021 14:53	80	Yes
Jo Ann Bujarski	jbujarski@sde.idaho.gov	6/7/2021 12:51	6/7/2021 14:53	122	Yes
Joe Nelson		6/7/2021 13:01	6/7/2021 14:53	113	Yes
Josh Eckert		6/7/2021 13:11	6/7/2021 14:16	65	Yes
Julie Hart	julie@capstonegovernmentrelations.com	6/7/2021 13:02	6/7/2021 13:18	17	Yes
Julie Hart	julie@capstonegovernmentrelations.com	6/7/2021 13:19	6/7/2021 14:01	43	Yes
Julie Hart	julie@capstonegovernmentrelations.com	6/7/2021 14:18	6/7/2021 14:53	35	Yes

jvarner		6/7/2021 13:07	6/7/2021 14:00	53	Yes
Kari Saccomanno		6/7/2021 12:59	6/7/2021 14:53	115	Yes
Kyle Bradshaw		6/7/2021 12:54	6/7/2021 14:53	120	Yes
Laurel Caldwell - Latah Co ID	lcalldwell@latah.id.us	6/7/2021 13:00	6/7/2021 14:53	113	Yes
Lupe Wissel ID		6/7/2021 12:57	6/7/2021 14:53	116	Yes
Maggie		6/7/2021 12:58	6/7/2021 14:53	116	Yes
Matt Borud		6/7/2021 13:05	6/7/2021 14:47	102	Yes
Michelle Owens		6/7/2021 12:48	6/7/2021 14:53	126	Yes
Mike Bly		6/7/2021 13:10	6/7/2021 14:32	82	Yes
MMcCarty		6/7/2021 12:59	6/7/2021 14:53	115	Yes
p34688		6/7/2021 13:14	6/7/2021 13:40	26	Yes
Paul Judge (Paul Judge Idaho Capital Ventures)	pjudge@idahocv.com	6/7/2021 12:51	6/7/2021 13:27	36	Yes
Paul Judge (Paul Judge Idaho Capital Ventures)	pjudge@idahocv.com	6/7/2021 13:27	6/7/2021 14:53	87	Yes
Randy Morgan for Idaho Broadband Advisory Board (Patty Morgan for Idaho Broadband Advisory Board)	patty@redshoesolutions.com	6/7/2021 12:46	6/7/2021 14:53	128	No
Rep Barbara Ehardt (BarbaraEhardt)		6/7/2021 13:00	6/7/2021 14:53	114	Yes
Robert Peterson		6/7/2021 12:54	6/7/2021 14:53	120	Yes
Ron Rembelski	ron.r@fmtc.com	6/7/2021 12:55	6/7/2021 14:53	119	Yes
sarahbettwieser		6/7/2021 13:00	6/7/2021 14:51	111	Yes
Scott		6/7/2021 13:09	6/7/2021 14:53	105	Yes
Sean Early	sean.early@zayo.com	6/7/2021 13:10	6/7/2021 14:53	104	Yes
Sheri and Curtis Bennett	sheribennett3@gmail.com	6/7/2021 12:58	6/7/2021 14:53	116	Yes
Steve Meyer	sfmeyer@aol.com	6/7/2021 13:47	6/7/2021 14:51	64	Yes
Tina Wilson	tina@westernallianceed.org	6/7/2021 13:00	6/7/2021 14:53	114	Yes
WCMEDC		6/7/2021 13:14	6/7/2021 13:14	1	Yes
WCMEDC		6/7/2021 13:14	6/7/2021 13:15	1	Yes
Wilma (ID)		6/7/2021 13:01	6/7/2021 14:53	112	Yes

**IDAHO BROADBAND ADVISORY BOARD
SIGN IN SHEET**

Name	Organization	Address	Phone	Email	Wish to Make Public Comments? (Y/N)
Benn Brockson	Imajin Edulo Part of Lemtek	PO Box 2896 Boise ID 83701	854-4428	benn@bennbrockson and.associates.com	no
Paul Desautels	Syringa Networks				
Ron Williams	ICBA		on file		N
Mary Hasendehl	POL				
RYAN ZIMMERLE	EDNETICS		208-501-0036		
ABBY STAYLEY	EDNETICS		208-501-0036		
Daniel Vest	SIDE		255-306-0993		
Ken McClure	ITA				
John Foster	Kestel West				
Ty Snyder	Fatbeam				