

# Idaho Broadband Advisory Board Draft Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 4, 2022  
700 W Jefferson, Boise, ID 83702  
Room-WW53  
9:00am – 12:30pm

## Idaho Broadband Advisory Board Members

Chairman, Rep. John Vander Woude, *Idaho Legislator*  
Vice Chair Sen. Carl Crabtree, *Idaho Legislator*  
Sen. David Nelson, *Idaho Legislator (Z)*  
Sen. Doug Ricks, *Idaho Legislator (Z)*  
Rep. Megan Blanksma, *Idaho Legislator*  
Rep. Barbara Ehardt, *Idaho Legislator (Z)*  
Mitch Watkins, *Watkins Distribution (Z)*  
Margie Watson, *JC Watson & Company (Z)*  
Andrew Emerson, *MH Solutions*

## Idaho Commerce Staff

Tom Kealey, *Director Idaho Commerce (Z)*  
Jake Reynolds, *Business Development and  
Operations Administrator (Z)*  
Eric Forsch, *Broadband Development Manager*  
Ewa Szewczyk, *Grants and Contracts Manager (Z)*  
Holly Stevenson, *Grants and Contracts Analyst (Z)*  
Cathy Perry, *Grants and Contracts Analyst (Z)*

(Z) denotes via Zoom

### Call to Order

Chairman Rep. John Vander Woude called the meeting to order at 9:00am with a quorum present.

### Broadband Planning Facilitation

**Speaker:** Danielle Horas, DH Consulting & Charity Strong (co-facilitator)  
Strategy Planning Packets emailed out  
Board introductions and favorite breakfasts

#### Agenda:

Entity Description  
Roles & Responsibilities of Board  
Current State of Broadband Today  
Key Impact Areas for Expanding Broadband in ID

### Recessed 10 minutes from 11:10-11:20.

Where Do We Go Now  
Why and Where Today  
How and When Thursday

### Next Steps

Online board members stated have only heard about one third to one half of conversations. Members brought up would like to use Utah plan to edit to fit their needs. Board members requested written instructions from Danielle on what they need to do prior to next meeting. Cancelled Thursday meeting and polled board members for availability. Danielle will send correspondence with homework and next meeting date and time.

**Adjourned:** 12:07pm