

Idaho Broadband Advisory Board Draft Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 15, 2021
700 W Jefferson, Boise, ID 83702
Room-WW53

Idaho Broadband Advisory Board Members

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

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*
Cathy Perry, *Grants and Contracts Analyst*
Magaly Carrillo, *Community Development Analyst*
James Varner, *Community Development Analyst*

(Z) denotes via Zoom

Call to Order

Chairman Rep. John Vander Woude called the meeting to order at 3:00 with a quorum present.

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Vander Woude noted that the minutes for Thursday, September 23, 2021 for the Idaho Broadband Advisory Board meeting had been distributed.

Motion made by Senator Doug Ricks

Seconded by Senator David Nelson

Minutes approved unanimously by board members as distributed

Discuss Objectives for Broadband Plan appropriations for initial funds dispersal

Chairman Vander Woude gave an overview of the initial approach that he and Vice Chair Senator Crabtree have devised for the first amount of funding. Chairman Vander Woude stated that the Feds would require a 5 year strategic plan. He explained this would have to be highly technical detailed plan to pass the FED's rigorous examination.

Vice Chair Crabtree stated that the board would need to discuss hiring a third party consultant to create the strategic plan and there would be a need to discuss what the cap would be to spend on services.

Representative Megan Blanksma stated that she wanted the board to develop and approve a set of bylaws and get them into place before asking for the initial dispersion of funds to hire said technical writer.

Motion: Vice Chairman Representative Carl Crabtree: - Mr. Chairman Representative John Vander Woude, we need to set a meeting for next week for bylaw approval and strategic planner and salary for them.

Seconded the motion: Mitch Watkins

CHAIRMAN REPRESENTATIVE JOHN VANDER WOUDE: Discussion on the motion? Can we all make the commitment to get the bylaws done?- Everybody understand the motion?

Senator Doug Ricks: I think this is the way to do it- get the bylaws in motion and have another Zoom meeting. I think we could get it done next week sometime and I support it.

All in favor of the motion...

Motion carries

3:24

New Business

No new business.

Adjournment Meeting adjourned 3:28