



Brad Little, Governor  
Tom Kealey, Director

## Idaho Broadband Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, July 13, 2022  
Idaho Capitol Building  
Room WW53

Idaho Broadband Advisory Board Members	Idaho Commerce Staff
Chairman, Rep. John Vander Woude, <i>Idaho Legislator</i>	Jake Reynolds, <i>Business Development &amp; Operations Administrator</i>
Sen. David Nelson, <i>Idaho Legislator</i> <b>Z</b>	Eric Forsch, <i>Broadband Development Manager</i>
Sen. Doug Ricks, <i>Idaho Legislator</i> <b>Z</b>	Ewa Szewczyk, <i>Grants and Contracts Manager</i> <b>Z</b>
Rep. Megan Blanksma, <i>Idaho Legislator</i> <b>Z</b>	Deanna Ross, <i>Fiscal Manager</i> <b>Z</b>
Rep. Barbara Ehardt, <i>Idaho Legislator</i> <b>Z</b>	
Andrew Emerson, <i>MH Solutions</i>	
Mitch Watkins, <i>Watkins Distribution</i> <b>Z</b>	
Margie Watson, <i>JC Watson &amp; Company</i>	
( <b>Z</b> ) denotes via Zoom	

### Call to order:

Chairman Rep. John Vander Woude called the meeting to order at 9:35 am with a quorum present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 26, 2022 Meeting.

Motion by Mitch Watkins: To approve meeting minutes

All in favor: motion passes

### Review of State of Idaho Request for BEAD Planning Funds

The council members discussed how to spend the funding. Some concerns were brought up about the funding which will be resolved by the motion. One of the council members asked if budget line items were approved at a certain number, would be able to increase the amount at a future date. The Department of Commerce said yes.

### Approval of request to use BEAD grant funds for BEAD planning purposes

Motion by Senator Nelson to approve the BEAD Initial Planning Fund Application and Budget with the following addition to add \$500,000.00 for regional coordination that will be held for authority to spend by this Board.

Second: Margie Watson

More discussion by the Board regarding the application and budgets before voting.

Motion by Margie Watson made calling to the question to end the debate.

All in favor: motion passes calling the question has been called for.

The Board went back to the original motion.  
All in favor: motion passes

### **Review of Broadband Mapping RFP**

Commerce discussed ITD will be responsible for the mapping. Mapping is imperative to the location of low to moderate income households. The second step would be to add layers to the mapping, such as services to the schools.

Questions about the Request for Proposals (RFP) from the Board were answered by Commerce. Eric Forsch from Commerce mentioned that the RFP will be sent after this meeting once approved. Bidding will take place in approximately a month and a half.

### **Approval of the Broadband Mapping RFP**

Motion by Margie Watson  
All in favor: motion passes

### **Board Structure Discussion**

Discussion about terms of service and structure of all Board members.

**pm:** Adjournment