



Brad Little, Governor  
Tom Kealey, Director

## Idaho Broadband Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Idaho JRW Building - West Conference Room

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>
Vice Chair Sen. Carl Crabtree, <i>Idaho Legislator</i> Z	Ramón Hobdey-Sánchez, <i>Broadband Development Manager</i>
Sen. David Nelson, <i>Idaho Legislator</i> Z	Ewa Szewczyk, <i>Grants and Contracts Manager</i>
Sen. Doug Ricks, <i>Idaho Legislator</i> Z	
Rep. Megan Blanksma, <i>Idaho Legislator</i> <b>Absent</b>	
Rep. Barbara Ehardt, <i>Idaho Legislator</i> Z	
Andrew Emerson, <i>MH Solutions</i>	
Mitch Watkins, <i>Watkins Distribution</i>	
Margie Watson, <i>JC Watson &amp; Company</i>	
(Z) denotes via Zoom	

### Call to order:

Chairman Rep. John Vander Woude called the meeting to order at **12:30 pm** with a quorum present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 13, 2022 Meeting.

Motion by Margie Watson to approve meeting minutes

Second: Mitch Watkins

All in favor: motion passes

### Introduce State's new Broadband Program Manager

Ramón Hobdey-Sánchez was introduced and he thanked Administrator Reynolds for sending a nice welcome and introduction to board members, and for sharing his experienced background with them. He's looking forward to working with the board and working together on upcoming IBAB projects.

### Update on Capital Projects & BEAD funding timelines

Ramón shared current and future Broadband funds and infrastructure along with projected timelines. No questions were addressed from the Board. We want plan in place before JFAC begins.

At end of month, have Broadband mapping that will help the state and used to challenge FCC maps. September 29 begins the 270 days to get the 5-year action plan submitted. Ewa will share along with road map.

Senator Nelson: timeline and staffing questions.

Senator Crabtree where are we on mapping? Ramon engaged in the conversation regarding the mapping ITB. Open for bid November 2, 2022.

### **Time frame is adopted**

Motion by Mitch Watkins needing flexibility for more time if need be.

Second: Margie Watson

All in favor: motion passes

### **Update on Broadband RFPs**

Ewa Szewczyk shared with the Board purchasing procurement. We can hire out directly with outside contractors vs. hiring internally with permanent employees, but contractors must meet all requirements. Lowest bid will be awarded.

Five-year plan will go live early November, 2022 and will be posted soon.

No questions or comments from the board on this timeline.

### **Discussion on Call for Projects & Planning Grants in Advance of '23 Legislative Session**

#### **Proceed with call for information.**

Motion by Margie Watson

Second: Carl Crabtree

All in favor: motion passes

### **NTIA/Commerce/Locals Broadband Summit**

November 15, 2022 at Riverside. Can also attend virtually.

Next meeting: **November 10, 2022 at 1:30 pm and December 20, 2022 at 1:00 pm.**

Chair Vander Woude Adjourned the meeting.