



Brad Little, Governor
Tom Kealey, Director

Idaho Broadband Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Idaho Capitol Building

Room WW53

| Idaho Broadband Advisory Board Members | Idaho Commerce Staff |
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| Chairman, Rep. John Vander Woude, <i>Idaho Legislator</i> | |
| Sen. Treg Bernt, <i>Idaho Legislator</i> | Jake Reynolds, <i>Business Development & Operations Administrator</i> |
| Sen. Doug Ricks, <i>Idaho Legislator</i> | Ramón Hobdey-Sánchez, <i>Broadband Development Manager</i> |
| Sen. James Ruchti, <i>Idaho Legislator (A)</i> | Ewa Szewczyk, <i>Grants and Contracts Manager</i> |
| Rep. Megan Blanksma, <i>Idaho Legislator</i> | |
| Rep. Barbara Ehardt, <i>Idaho Legislator (Z)</i> | |
| Andrew Emerson, <i>MH Solutions</i> | |
| Mitch Watkins, <i>Watkins Distribution</i> | |
| Margie Watson, <i>JC Watson & Company</i> | |
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| (Z) denotes via Zoom | |
| (A) Denotes Absent | |

View/hear entire meeting A/V [here](#).

Call to Order:

Chairman Rep. John Vander Woude called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm with a quorum present. Introductions were made for new committee members Senator Ruchti and Senator Bernt.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 10, 2022, meeting.

Motion made by **Andy Emerson** to approve meeting minutes with correction to attendance at November meeting. Blanksma was present.

All in favor: motion passes.

Rep. Blanksma reminder: Meetings will be recorded and archived for full access.

Update on Broadband ITB & RFP

Ramón Hobdey-Sánchez gave update on ITB for mapping. Four bids have been received and staff are reviewing proposals and references.

Map will be complete in 45-90 days and estimate to have someone under contract within 2 weeks.

RFP

5-year action plan is due to NTIA at the end of June. Has gone live.

Capital Projects Fund Executive Summary

Ramón Hobdey-Sánchez stated that he would be seeking input from the Board regarding:

- Program description background and
- Program details and specifics.

Rep. Blanksma made a motion to open the Idaho Broadband Fund to grant awards and prioritize projects that have the following 3 criteria: middle-mile, shovel ready and significant financial match.

Rep. Ehardt seconded the motion.

All in favor: Motion Passes

Rep. Blanksma made a motion to solicit public input on the CPF Executive Summary.

Margie Watson seconded the motion.

All in favor: Motion Passes

Review Board’s RFI: “Call for Broadband Project and Planning Proposals”

Ramón Hobdey-Sánchez covered RFI submissions.

Open Discussion at Discretion of the Chair

Vacant Vice-Chair position addressed and will hold elections to fill positions at first January meeting.

Rep. Blanksma made a motion to nominate Senator Ricks for interim Vice-Chair until first January meeting.

Rep. Ehardt seconded the motion.

All in favor: Motion Passes

Next meetings: Wednesday, January 11 at 10:00 am
Wednesday, January 25 at 10:00 am
February 15 location/time TBD
March 15 location/time TBD

Adjournment: 2:35 pm