



Brad Little, Governor
Tom Kealey, Director

Idaho Broadband Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Idaho Capitol Building

Room WW53

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

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Call to order:

Chairman Rep. John Vander Woude called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM with a quorum present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 12-20-2022 and 1-11-2023 Meetings.

Motion by Member Watson to approve meeting minutes. Seconded by: Member Emerson

All in favor: motion passes

Idaho Broadband Fund Grants: ACTION ITEM

Evaluate and Select Proposal(s)

There were 33 applicants and total of 64 projects.

Motion by Senator Ricks to approve the two outstanding projects, the project from Iron for \$20,000,000.00 and the project for Port of Lewiston for \$6,260,313.00.

Seconded by: Senator Bernt

All in favor: Motion Passes

Remaining amount of \$8.7 million.

Motion by Representative Ehrhardt to approve for Idaho Falls Fiber project.

Motion was not seconded.

Senator Bernt made substitute motion to table remaining funds.
Seconded by: Senator Ricks
All in favor: motion passes

Closing Comments:

Applicants selected today will work with the Department of Commerce on Contracts and Agreements.

Working on Capital Projects Fund Grant Guidelines and ready to discuss at next meeting.

Next IBAB Meetings: Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Adjournment @ 11:00 am