



Brad Little, Governor
Tom Kealey, Director

Idaho Broadband Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, Dec 1, 2023
Idaho Capitol Building
Room WW53 and via Zoom

Idaho Broadband Advisory Board Members	Idaho Commerce Staff
Chairman Rep. John Vander Woude, Idaho Legislator	Ramón Hobdey-Sánchez, State Broadband Program Manager
Vice-Chair Sen. Doug Ricks, Idaho Legislator (Z)	Jake Reynolds, Business Development & Operations Administrator
Sen. James Ruchti, Idaho Legislator (Z)	Ewa Szewczyk, Grants and Contracts Manager
Sen. Treg Bernt, Idaho Legislator	Kim Glineski, State Broadband Project Manager
Rep. Megan Blanksma, Idaho Legislator	
Rep. Barbara Ehardt, Idaho Legislator (Z)	
Andrew Emerson, MH Solutions	Mindy Peper (Z)
Mitch Watkins, Watkins Distribution (Z)	
Margie Watson, JC Watson & Company	
(Z) denotes via Zoom	
(A) denotes absent	

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Call to order:

Chairman Vander Woude called the meeting to order at 10:33 am MST with a quorum present.

Motion by: Blanksma

To approve meeting minutes from October 24, 2023.

Seconded by: none

All in favor: Motion passes

Idaho Office Broadband Update

Ramón Hobdey-Sánchez from the Idaho Department of Commerce provided an update on Idaho Broadband. Key points discussed in the meeting include:

1. Staff Updates
2. IIG Updates

3. Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program updates.
4. Discussion on how to handle the Iron-IIG contract.

Idaho CPF Grant Discussion & Funding Decisions

Hobdey-Sánchez reported on CPF grant challenges.
Board reviews 5 challenge applications

Motion by: Blanksma

To reject challenge to City of Preston application

All in favor: Motion passes

Motion by: Watkins

To reject challenge to Camas County application

All in favor: Motion passes

Motion by: Blanksma

To reject challenge to Latah County application

All in favor: Motion passes

Motion by: Blanksma

To reject challenge to City of Aberdeen application

All in favor: Motion passes

Board reviewed one project conflict between Intermax Selle Valley and Kaniksu Selle Valley. Board hears from President of Intermax, Mike Kennedy, President of Kaniksu, Ryan Green and Jacob Johnson with ETS Management, representing Lincoln County project.

Motion by: Blanksma

Blanksma – Motion to swap awarded overlapping Kaniksu project with unawarded Kaniksu Bonner County – Sagle Fiber project and award remaining available grant funds to Lincoln County application.

Seconded by: Watson

All in favor: Motion passes

It was presented to the board that Lincoln County would receive \$4,039,860.01.

New Business

Chairman Vander Woude suggests may want to have an outside party score the BEAD projects.
Rutchie, Watkins, Vander Woude willing to serve on the subcommittee to BEAD project.

Next meeting is December 18, 2023, which is virtual, and board will discuss volume 1 and 2 of BEAD.

Adjournment: Chairman adjourns the meeting at 11:42 am MST.