



Brad Little, Governor
Tom Kealey, Director

Idaho Broadband Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 15, 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	Jake Reynolds, Business Development & Operations Administrator
Sen. James Ruchti, Idaho Legislator	Ewa Szewczyk, Grants and Contracts Manager
Sen. Trent Berg, Idaho Legislator	
Rep. Megan Blanksma, Idaho Legislator	
Rep. Barbara Ehardt, Idaho Legislator	
Andrew Emerson, MH Solutions	
Mitch Watkins, Watkins Distribution (Z)	
Margie Watson, JC Watson & Company (Z)	
(Z) denotes via Zoom	

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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 2-15-2023 meeting.

Motion by: Margie Watson to approve meeting minutes.

Seconded by: Andy Emerson

All in favor: motion passes

Idaho Broadband Fund: Public Comments on Awarded Projects:

The following addressed the Board with submitting proposals and support:

Commentors:

- Patrick Caron from Cable One/Sparklight
- Stafford Strong, Charter Commission
- Jessica Eply, Zply Fiber

Port of Lewiston Project (\$6.3M)

- Scott Corbitt, GM

IRON/IIG Project (\$20M)

- Andy Binder, IRON President/CEO

Idaho Capital Projects Fund Grant Guidelines:

Draft 1 was presented in February.

New Business: N/A

Next IBAB Meetings: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 9:00 AM

Adjournment: 10:45 AM