



Brad Little, Governor
Tom Kealey, Director

Idaho Broadband Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 24, 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 (A)	Ewa Szewczyk, Grants and Contracts Manager
Sen. Treg Bernt, Idaho Legislator	
Rep. Megan Blanksma, Idaho Legislator	
Rep. Barbara Ehardt, Idaho Legislator (Z)	
Andrew Emerson, MH Solutions (Z)	
Mitch Watkins, Watkins Distribution	
Margie Watson, JC Watson & Company	
(Z) denotes via Zoom	
(A) denotes absent	

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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 March 15, 2023
March 22, 2023
March 31, 2023

Motion by: Margie Watson
To approve meeting minutes.
Seconded by: Mitch Watkins
All in favor: Motion passes

Idaho Broadband Fund Contract & Legal Counsel: K&L Gates

Ramon introduced Jeff Cohen and Rob Dodson from K&L Gates to share about upcoming projects and the IRON/IIG development agreement.

Motion by: Senator Ricks
Substitute motion: I move that the Idaho Broadband Advisory Board approves the transfer of \$223,500 in the Idaho Broadband Fund from Trustee and Benefits to Operating Expenses. These monies are to be

used for the development of the broadband infrastructure agreement between the State of Idaho and Idaho Regional Optical Network and Intermountain Infrastructure Group. Further, the transfer of an additional 25% may be approved by the Board Chair upon receipt of a written request from the State Broadband Program Manager.

Seconded by: Mitch Watkins

All in favor: Motion passes

Idaho Office of Broadband Update:

- Idaho CPF Program closing date Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 5:00 PM MST
- Idaho Broadband Map
- Idaho BEAD Program
- Public Outreach: one day workshop; rural event summit; field visits in Magic Valley; visits in North-Central Idaho rural areas; tribal convention in Coeur d'Alene.

New Business: N/A

Next IBAB Meeting: Friday, June 16, 2023, at 8:00 AM.

Adjournment: 10:55 AM