



Intercounty Coordinating Committee

Columbia, Dodge, Green Lake, Jefferson, Marquette, Sauk & Waushara Counties

MEETING AGENDA & PROGRAM

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DATE:	June 21, 2021
TIME:	9:30 AM
PLACE:	Waushara County Courthouse (Board Room) 209 S. St. Marie St, Wautoma, WI 54982

9:00 AM	Gathering
9:30 AM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call to Order 2. Pledge of Allegiance 3. Certification of Open Meeting Notice 4. Adoption of Agenda 5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes 6. Reports from Visiting Legislative Officials 7. Update of County Issues - WCA 8. Program: Presented by: Dan Fedderly, Exec. Director Wisconsin County Highway Association <p>Open Discussion of County Issues</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Adjourn <p>Mailing Address UW-Extension, 127 E Oak Street, Juneau, WI 53039</p>

Intercounty Coordinating Committee Meeting

DATE: ~~November 19, 2018~~ April 19, 2021

LOCATION: Dodge County

In-Person

NAME	AFFILIATION
Donna Kalala	Waushara Co
Norman Dvesterhoeft	Waushara Co
Russell Kallke	Dodge
Dave Frohling	Dodge
WJ Joluc	JEFFERSON Co.
Hindy Reabe	Green Lake Co
SB Mann	Jefferson Cty.
Bayani Nazaro	Sauk Co.
Amy Rinard	Jefferson Co.
Patti Camell	Dodge Co

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200 M Attendees

NAME	AFFILIATION
Vern Grove	Columbia Cty
Jim Foley	Columbia Cty
Bab Miller	Marquette Cty
Jenny Erickson	Sauk Cty
Ken Borzick	
Jaron McCallum	State Broadband Director
Cathy Schmit	Green Lake Co.
Tim McCallum	Sauk Cty
Bob Kyle Christian	WI Counties Association
Dave Abendroth	Green Lake
Bab Koch	Columbia Cty
Kathy Haas	Columbia Cty
H. Sorenson	

Intercounty Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 19, 2021
Dodge County Administration Building
Juneau, Wisconsin

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Russell Kottke, Chairman at 9:30 a.m.
Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance:

See attached attendance sheet

The requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law were met.

The agenda was approved (motion 1st Waushara- 2nd Jefferson)

The minutes were approved (motion 1st Dodge - 2nd Green Lake)

Legislative Report: No report

WCA's report---- Highlights include:

Allocation of American Rescue Package:

Last week received information about federal funds. Capital Watch Newsletter will have bulletin from the feds. There is some preparation needed to get the allocations. Award Management database will be used to the funds. Treasury recommends having ducks in a row for receiving monies. The May allocation will be 50% the second half will be allocated in a minimum 1 year and one day. The other thing they are looking into what the allocation can be spent on. For example, funds cannot be used in pension. Post-employment benefits is still undecided.

Governor Evers wrote a letter to ask about using the funds on roads. Waiting for guidance on these funds. Counties can work with municipalities on projects. You can pool resources. Question was asked about using the funds for lost revenue, Kyle yes, he believes you should be able to.

State Legislature:

State legislature passed bills indicating what and what the funds can be spent on. If Evers vetoes bills, he will have sole discretion on the allocation of the funds. Wisconsin is supposed to be passing a two year spending plan, but as we wait for the federal allocation this becomes more of a process. Another issue is that local municipalities, schools, etc. are also receiving federal stimulus. One time funds should be spent on one time expenditures. Things are complicated in Madison right now, and probably for the foreseeable future. Assembly feel it important to pass a budget, some in the senate feel like why bother to pass a budget. Some of the allocation can/should be used for bonus pay for frontline workers.

Redistricting

Will not have census data so redistricting will not happen until possibly 2022, go into effect until the 2024 election.

UW Extension

Some state agencies going back to in-person work June, Extension has a date of July 1, but employees are transitioning to in person depending on locations and county needs and expectations.

Presentation Given by: State Broadband Director-Jaron McCallum

- PSC Broadband Expansion Grants- infrastructure program and has really ramped up over the years
 - Who is Eligible- profit or nonprofit, telecommunication utility, city, village , town or county in partnership
 - Where is eligibility- Underserved areas, area served by fewer than 2 providers offering broadband
 - Priorities- Matching funds, existing service, scalability, public/private partnerships, project impact, economic impact
- Governor Evers' Proposed Budget
 - 150 million expansion grant
 - Municipal Broadband
 - Other pieces as well
- Consolidated Appropriation Act, 2021 Funding
- Emergency Broadband Benefit Overview (tentative start April 26, 2021)
- American Rescue Plan Act
- Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF)
- Plan ahead, be shovel ready for when these grants and funds are available
- Q&A
 - Dodge applied and get rejected because of Charter, what can we do about that— Jaron said there is a rebuttal process and an appeal process and said there are many reasons that go into making decisions about grant applications.
 - Can we get copies of the PowerPoint- Jaron said yes
 - Are there other technologies other than just broadband- Jaron said there are other technologies, but it's expensive and takes time to develop?
 - Is there a shift from fixed wireless to wireless for grantees? Jaron said there are different options that grantees are engaged with.
 - Affordability is a problem for some people. The pandemic has highlighted the disparity between people who can afford broadband and those who cannot.

Next meeting: June 21, 2021- Waushara

Possible Agenda items:

- Discussion about the American Rescue Act allocations
- Highway and DOT projects
- State Budget

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m. by order of the Chair

Respectfully submitted,

Pattie Carroll--UW-Extension, Dodge County



Broadband in Wisconsin

Jaron McCallum
State Broadband Director
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

Wisconsin Broadband Office Programs & Resources

Broadband Expansion Grants



In eight years,
268 grants
~\$72 million to
spur internet
build-out.



Broadband & Telecommuter Forward!

Get your community
recognized for being
ready to expand
broadband access!



Emergency Internet Resources

Connecting
residents to
resources during
the pandemic

Broadband Maps & Planning Tools



**100 + internet
providers** and federal
subsidies are on our
maps

Our mission is to make high performance broadband more accessible, resilient, competitive and affordable in Wisconsin

PSC Broadband Expansion Grants

- To encourage the deployment of advanced telecommunications capability in underserved areas of the state.
- The applications are scored using a set of priority factors set forth in statute.
- The PSC relies on applications to determine where service will be provided. The scoring system gives priority to applications proposing to serve an unserved area.
- Applicants that are awarded grants are usually given two years to complete construction of the broadband facilities. The award can be extended beyond two years for good reason.

Who may Apply for a Broadband Grant?

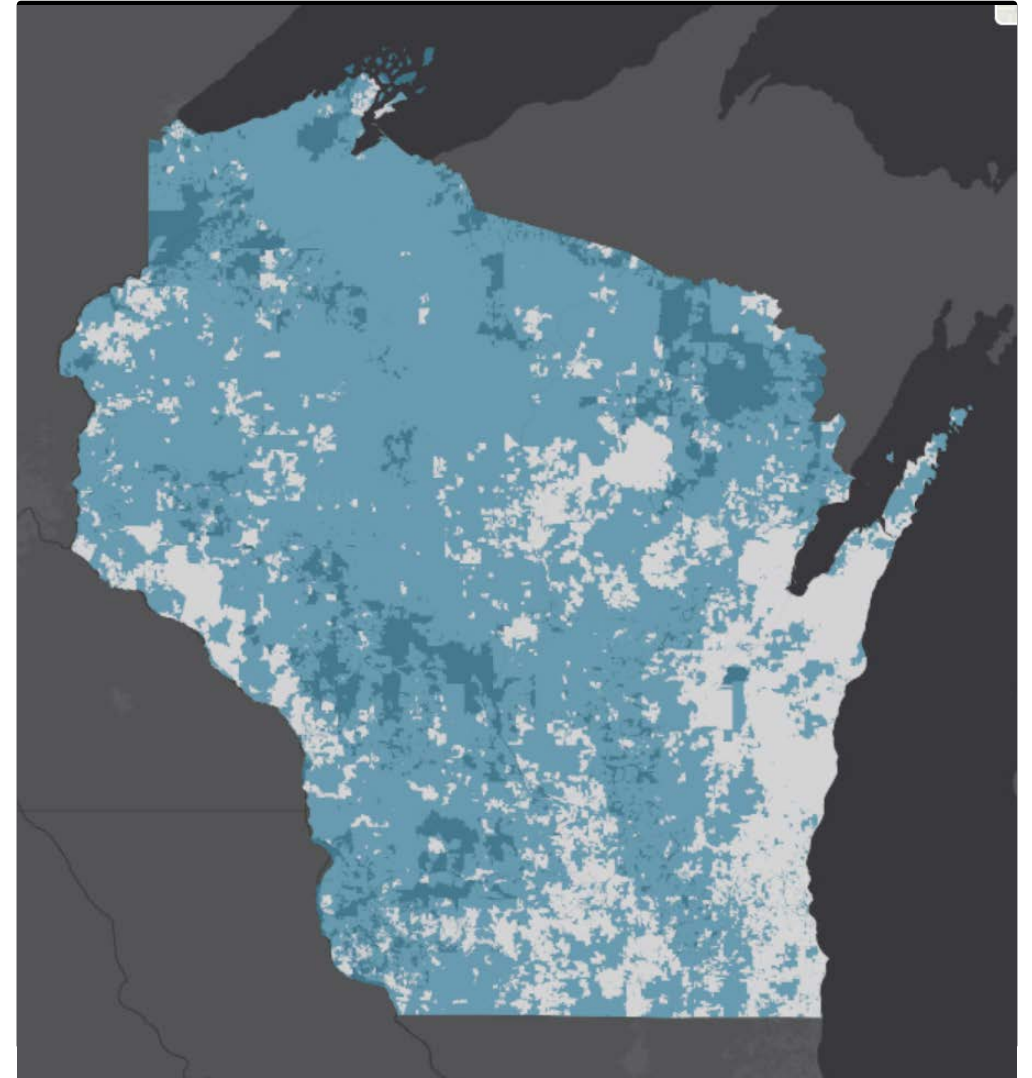
Applicants must fall within one of the following three applicant categories:

- An organization operated for profit or not-for-profit, including a cooperative.
- A telecommunications utility.
- A city, village, town, or county that has entered into a partnership with an eligible organization or telecommunications utility.

What Geographic Areas of the State May Receive a Broadband Grant?

For an area to be considered eligible for a grant, it must be considered “underserved.”

- “Underserved” = Area served by fewer than 2 providers offering Broadband Service
- Broadband Service = 25 Mbps Down / 3 Mbps Up



What Specific Items of Information Must be Discussed in the Grant Application?

The statute that authorizes the Broadband Grant Program requires that the Commission give priority to applications that include any of seven factors listed in the statute:

- Matching funds
- Existing broadband services
- Scalability
- Will not delay broadband service in adjacent areas
- Public/private partnerships
- Project impact
- Economic impact

To date, the Broadband Grant program has been quite competitive. The Commission has received many more applications than it can fund. The discussion of priority factors has been the key element of the application that the Commission has used to decide which applications to fund.

Governor Evers' Proposed Budget

Year of Broadband

- Broadband Expansion Grant Funding \$150 million
- Supporting Municipal Broadband
- Broadband Infrastructure Owned by Electric Utilities and Cooperative
- Broadband Line Extension Grant Program \$4.4 million
- Internet Assistance Program \$40 million
- Broadband Customer Protections
- Broadband Planning and Leadership Grant Program
- TEACH IT Funding for Schools and Libraries

Consolidated Appropriation Act, 2021 Funding

- Emergency Broadband Benefit \$3.2 billion
- Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program, NTIA, \$1 billion
- Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program, NTIA, \$285 million
 - Alverno College, College of Menominee Nation, Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College
- Broadband Infrastructure Deployment Grants, NTIA \$300 million
- Also lots of money for better federal broadband mapping

Emergency Broadband Benefit Overview

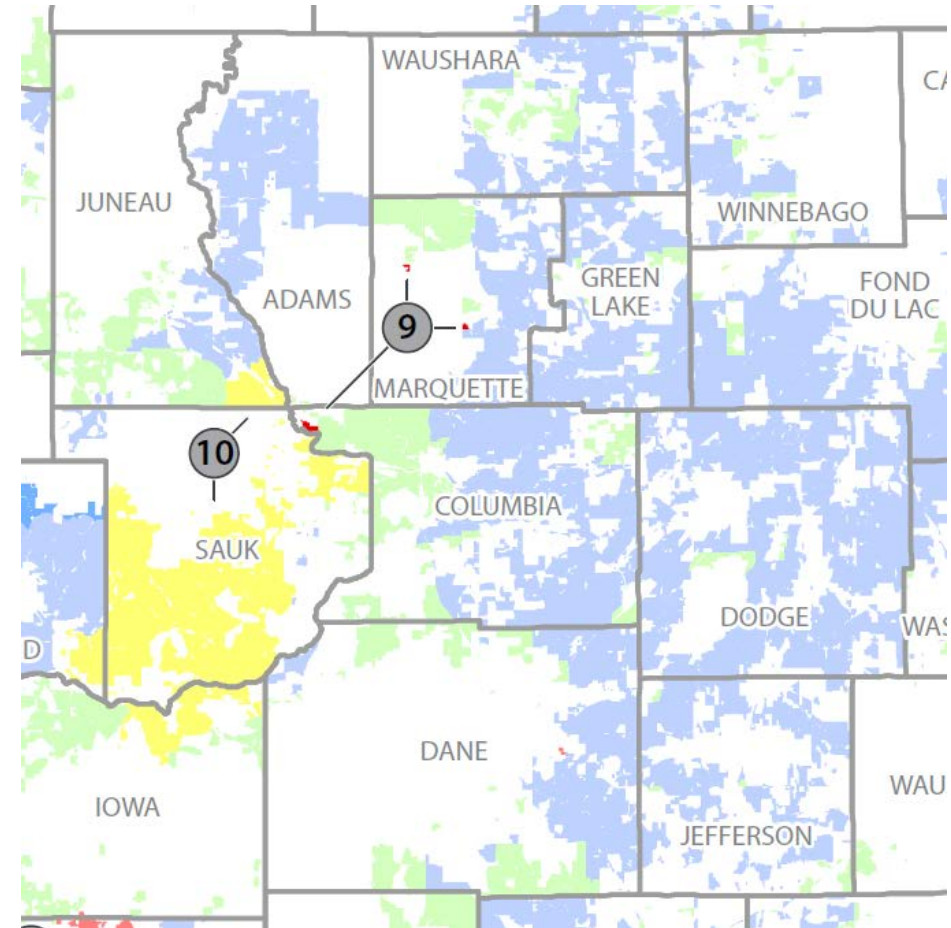
- This benefit program is funded with \$3.2 billion through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021.
- The program offers temporary discounts of up to \$50 per month (\$75 on Tribal Land) off of eligible household's internet access bills.
- Low-income households may also get discounts on a laptop, desktop, or tablet computer.
- The broadband provider will receive the money directly for providing service to an eligible household.
- Participation by providers is voluntary, but anticipated to be robust.
- Tentative start date: April 26th, 2021

American Rescue Plan Act

- Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund, Department of the Treasury, \$10 billion
 - for “capital projects directly enabling work, education, and health monitoring, including remote options, in response to the public health emergency”; in addition to capital projects, **eligible efforts include ancillary services**, such as broadband mapping to increase efficiencies of capital projects.
- Emergency Connectivity Fund, Federal Communication Commission, \$7.2 billion
 - for E-Rate support to reimburse schools and libraries for provision of eligible equipment and advanced telecommunications and information services during the pandemic, including for locations other than schools and libraries.
- Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds,
 - \$219.8 billion for states, \$45.6 billion for rural community development block grants, \$19.5 for rural areas and \$65.2 billion for counties, allowable use including for investments in water, sewer, or **broadband** infrastructure.

Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF)

- Charter Spectrum
- LTD Broadband
- Reedsburg Utility Commission
- Marquette-Adams Telephone Cooperative
- Federal Communications Commission's next 'wave' of infrastructure funding



Gather, Develop, Plan, Prepare

- Educate and Advocate
- Invite multiple ISPs to the table early and often
- Collect and use data, but keep the experience of people first
- Get shovel ready
- Get digital equity ready: Build on ramps and guardrails
- Share risks and rewards – maybe share ownership
- Support local broadband champions

Questions?