

**HIGH SPEED INTERNET ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTES
JANUARY 22, 2024**

Attendance: Chris Martin, DI Executive Director, and Committee Co-Chair; Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, Iosco County Controller and Committee Co-Chair; Chris Scharrer, DCS Technology/Consultant; Fred Lewis, Plainfield Township Supervisor; Tyler Rood, AuSable Valley Community Mental Health; Cindy Schwedler, Oscoda; Terry Dutcher, Iosco BOC and DI VP; Lisa Bolen, NEMCSA; Eric Allhouse, Bay Arenac Intermediate School District; Chris Young, DI Communications Officer.

A. Parcel Mapping

- a. CS gave CM a list of parcels/addresses that need to have services verified in Iosco County. < 300
- b. MIHi, no longer allowing individual address challenges. Only ISPs can challenge areas for service. If FCC map says it's unserved, it's unserved and eligible for funding. Black dots on map mean that address is unserved.
- c. Using map from Nov 30. Costquest owns the location fabric, licensed through the FCC for the purposes of the challenges. NTA got involved with the BEAD Grant, the BDC data that the FCC puts out will not be used.

B. ISPs

- a. → Talk to the ISPs that will be applying for BEAD. They will base their application based on the black dots/unserved. MIHI office will figure out which ISP has the best proposal.
- b. It would be ideal to get ISPs to the table to draw boundaries/service areas.
- c. → Create Support letters to say who which provider we want to support which areas.
- d. Map link sent to CM. CS will be visiting locations today and will update map and send to CM.
- e. CS shared the anticipated interest levels of various ISPs.
- f. Peninsula Fiber Network serving County/911 service.
- g. ACD Net, purple dots on map, says they offer service along US23 (numerous locations), 10GB/sec. LB shared that City of East Tawas uses ACD. Campgrounds just switched over to them (LB). CS to find out details about ACD Net coverage.

C. Volunteers

- a. BOC approved reimbursement of mileage. Volunteers turn in mileage reimbursement form. Track dates, miles, locations. Mileage sheets were provided.

D. NEXT STEPS: Goal is to prepare for BEAD which opens within weeks.

- a. CS to find out what ACD Net covers in Plainfield/ confirm mapping for more addresses today and will send a newer version of addresses and map link to CM this week.
- b. CM to divvy up addresses and give to township supervisors and other volunteers.
 - i. Volunteers need to track date/address/miles for reimbursement and send to Jamie
- c. CS to start discussion with ISPs ascertain interest levels
 - i. Future
 1. Will need letters of support after BEAD opens
 2. Consider formally recommending boundary lines
 3. Share our updated data re: challenges (mapping addresses) with ISPs

- d. Next Meeting: Waiting on timeline for BEAD challenges



Respectfully submitted

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