



4. Further information re: Mountain Connect

One point that was made: 25 x 3 is not adequate as a standard—it is entirely too low.

At Mountain Connect, the information about the satellites was revealing as to the lower-than-expected capacity for the whole system.

Discussion followed about changes that may occur in third quarter from FCC for sampling actual consumer download speeds.

Another takeaway from Mountain Connect, there is a new category of 'remote' for areas with populations under 50,000.

Two rural counties in New Mexico in conjunction with three tribal entities told the stories of getting service to their constituents. Their efforts included a judge and a commissioner doing hands-on splicing, etc. to keep things up and running.

At Mountain Connect, the session on Futurist brought to forefront the concepts that jobs/careers for young people have not even been thought of yet. Working from home is possible now for even entry-level workers.

DOLA will have 5 million per year dedicated to Broadband for the next five years.

5. Follow-up on South Park Health District

Health District is in a recruiting process. Nothing is in place there (regarding connectivity). Rocky Mountain Rural Health has offices at the back of that building upstairs. There has been some conversation about the clinic actually choosing another location.

6. The Council of Governments will reconvene to work further on the Regional Broadband Plan. It is more of a generalized plan documenting the past four years' efforts in Broadband development. (Park County is part of the Pikes Peak Council of Governments, but part of the Upper Arkansas COG for Broadband and WorkForce.)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Proposed changes to PCBAB structure

The proposal is to lower the number of board members with a couple of alternates so the board will consistently have a quorum. We will be

looking to replace some of the former board members, particularly those who have specific roles.

One recommendation was having proxy members and another was possibly having Zoom meetings in order to increase participation.

By-laws can be updated to cover what is necessary to make the board more effective.

2. Carrier updates (Century Link; South Park Telephone; RIS; Eagle Net/Zayo; ComNet; Verizon; High Country Internet; Affiniti, Neteo; T-Mobile; others)

SPT—Dick's Peak is getting a makeover. Potential carriers coming in; upgrading radios there. Applying for Colorado Broadband Grant to go from Fairplay into Silverheels—application goes in Wednesday. It will be a fiber build. The residents stepped up to contribute with commitments. Silverheels is 130 dwellings with 200 parcels.

Next Monday, the 15<sup>th</sup>, application will be on the OIT site for the public. At least by the 16<sup>th</sup> it will be on the site.

Regarding T-Mobile information shared by contractor: is putting up new antenna on way up to Kenosha; what is needed to fill in cellular service in Platte Canyon down to Shawnee and beyond is a spot with enough height in Shawnee area.

Neteo is taking fiber in Bailey and going both directions.

Elk Falls may learn from the Silverheels partnership with SPT to manage fiber to the home.

3. Other items? (Vendors and public welcome to contribute)

Discussion followed about Fairplay Water Sanitation connectivity needs.

Discussion followed about getting an article in The Flume to let the public know about Park County Broadband accomplishments.

Meeting adjourned at 11:49am.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, August 12, 2019