

Park County Broadband Advisory Board Minutes

Date/Time: September 9, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

**Location: Fairplay Community Center
880 Bogue Street**

X_Chairman, John Carr	X_Vice-Chair., Ron Rose	X_Sec., Pat Shepard
__Kelly Belsher, IT	X_Gene Stanley	X_Louis Gonzalez
__Bill Betz	__Mike Joffe	__Jesse Mair

Also in attendance: Commissioner Mike Brazell, Christopher Byram, Alex Telthorst, Waclaw Nieradka, Trice Hufnagel; by phone Bev Long participated

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Park County DOLA Grant and/or Project Updates including Zebulon: the radios are hung at Zebulon; they have been tested—good to go; for now they are powered down until there is permanent solar power that will be there 'before the snow flies.' County work is complete.
2. Update re: Lake George Plan: RFP posts 9-10-2019; there will be a contractors' meeting for answering questions regarding the RFP
3. Follow-up on South Park Health District: Alex provided Dr. Fitting with his contact information to take back to her board at our last PCBAB meeting. Alex has not heard back.
4. Follow-up on changes to PCBAB structure: this is tabled until it is known if the resolution John Carr submitted to the BOCC has been signed.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

No vendors present.

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

Pole in Mill Iron D has been postponed until November by ComNet. The situation of the Harris Park Tower is on hold due to the issues around the tower replacement. There may be more to the story that we do not have visibility on.

Regional broadband planning—draft is forthcoming

Burland—update; Burland project will be applied for in the next application cycle: Jan or February (SPT project) [Broadband Deployment Board app cycle]

Silverheels application with Broadband Deployment Board; demonstration was phenomenal—homeowners and even owners of vacant land agreed to financial participation. (this is an SPT project)

Friendship Ranch is also a project in our County that Neteo has going with the Broadband Deployment Board.

Discussion followed about the process involved with grant approval regarding the maps for services and verifying services consumers actually have. One of the most impactful issues seems to be when an incumbent provider objects to the new projects by new providers in this grant process.

When companies come forward and are challenged on their projects, in the future it seems likely that companies will push through with their build without the grant money or at least with a lesser ask.

Kenosha T-mobile tower across from Wilderness on Wheels is up but there is not equipment on it yet. Another tower is needed to complete connection to Platte Canyon that is about 13 miles away. That tower could potentially be located near Singleton Estates or near Santa Maria.

We had an inquiry regarding possible service in Valley of the Sun—It would be helpful if there were representation from that community at these meetings.

Potentially RIS could move to work with communities in the areas of VOS and Placer Valley (that is on hold at this time).

Adjourned at 11:40am

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, October 14, 2019