**GOVERNOR’S BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

**Minutes of April 13, 2023 Meeting**

Videoconference Meeting

1:30 PM

**VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING**

**GOVERNOR’S BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Judge Marty Lucke (Chair), Akbar Kara, Lindsey A. Lee, Kirk Petty, Edward “Kenny” Scudder, Hatch Smith Jr., William “Bill” Sproull, William F. “Bill” Hetherington, Mayor Frank Moreno, Jr., Sheriff Ray Scifres, Dr. Thomas J. “Tom” Kim M.D., Steven E. “Steve” Johnson Ph.D., Matthew J. “Matt” Yeager, County Clerk Schelana Myers Hock, Greg Conte

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:**

Jarred Shaffer, Lindsey Aston, and Philip Rocha

*The Governor’s Broadband Development Council (“Council”) proceeded on posted agenda items in the order as follows:*

**Agenda Item I.** **CALL TO ORDER**

Judge Marty Lucke, Chairman of the Council, called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

**Agenda Item II. CHAIR WELCOME, REMARKS AND ROLL CALL**

The roll was called and members present are listed; a quorum was present.

**Agenda Item III.** **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING ON March 16, 2023 (Draft available at https://gov.texas.gov/business/page/governors-broadband-development-council)**

Action: Moved to approve the minutes from the Council meeting on March 16, 2023. Council member Bill Sproull moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Hatch Smith. There was no discussion or additions. It was taken to a vote that was approved and passed.

**Agenda Item IV. COMMENTS BY GREG CONTE, DIRECTOR OF THE TEXAS BROADBAND DELVELOPMENT OFFICE, TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, PROVIDING AN UPDATE FROM HIS OFFICE AND COUNCIL REVIEW, DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SAME**

An update on the Boot funding program was shared, including the application process, which are currently being accepted until May 5, 2023. Information on IIJA funding was shared. Also announced upcoming BDO and round table meetings.

**Agenda Item V. COMMENTS BY JENNIFER HARRIS, FEDERAL PROGRAM OFFICER FOR TEXAS, OFFICE OF INTERNET CONNECTIVITY AND GROWTH, NATIONAL TELECOMMUNCATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINSTRATION, PROVIDING AN UPDATE FROM HER OFFICE AND COUNCIL REVIEW, DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SAME**

Mentioned request for comments on two of the bipartisan infrastructure log grant programs that NTIAis administering, State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program and Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program. Provided an update on the BEAD Program.

**Agenda Item VI. COMMENTS BY MOLLY WEINER, DIRECTOR, LOCAL AND REGIONAL PLANNING, CONNECTED NATION, PROVIDING AN UPDATE FROM HER OFFICE AND COUNCIL REVIEW, DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SAME**

Provided information and awareness regarding the upcoming public engagement opportunities regarding data collection works. Discussed survey and data collection tools out of the Broadband Development Office, public survey of adoption regarding the broadband, digital mapping tool, surveys for organizations and IST surveys.

**Agenda Item VII. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS PROVIDING AN UPDATE FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE SUBCOMMITTEES AND COUNCIL REVIEW, DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SAME**

No updates were provided.

**Agenda Item VIII. Discussion, Consideration and/or Possible Action regarding the outline, role, and direction of the 2023 electronic report due to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the members of the legislature from the Council under Section 490H.007 of the Texas Government Code**

Chairman Lucke noted that Council member Sproull shared an idea for the report earlier in the meeting. No other comments provided.

**Agenda Item IX. COMMENTS WITHOUT DELIBERATION**

A member of the public, Ms. O’Brien, made a comment about the RDOF program.

**Agenda Item X. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Lucke noted the next GBDC meeting is scheduled for May 18th, 2023 and called the meeting to a close at 2.16 PM.

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County Judge Marty Lucke, Chair Date