**GOVERNOR’S BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

**Minutes of July 28, 2022 Meeting**

Videoconference Meeting

2:00 PM

**VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING**

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

Judge Marty Lucke (Chair), Jennifer K. Harris (Vice Chair), Juli A. Blanda, James M. "Mike" Easley, Akbar Kara, Thomas J. "Tom" Kim M.D., Lindsey A. Lee, Kirk Petty, Joseph G. "Greg" Pittman, Edward “Kenny” Scudder, Hatch Smith Jr., William “Bill” Sproull, Greg Conte

 **STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:**

Joseph Behnke, Adriana Cruz, Larry McManus, Sonia Gaillard, Stephen Davis, 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 2:08 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.** **COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES**

Council member Jennifer K. Harris announced to the Council that she accepted a new job. As a result, she will be resigning from the Council.

**Agenda Item IV.** **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 14, 2022 (Draft available at https://gov.texas.gov/business/page/governors-broadband-development-council)**

Action: Council Member Bill Sproull moved to approve the minutes from the Council meeting on June 14, 2022. The motion was seconded by Hatch Smith Jr. The motion carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item V. Comments by Bryan Daniel, TWC Chairman and Commissioner for the Public, providing information on the workforce aspects of how broadband enables work and how labor is essential for infrastructure installation, and Council review, discussion, consideration and/or possible action regarding same.**

Bryan Daniel discussed job creation, the COVID-19 pandemic, and skills training programs in Texas.

**Agenda Item VI. Discussion of the 2022 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**

The Council engaged in a discussion regarding the report and plan to begin drafting sections of the report.

**Agenda Item VII. Review, Discussion, Consideration and/or Possible Action on Council Next Steps for Following Meeting(s)**

The Council discussed strategies for expanding broadband to rural Texas. Chairman Lucke suggests August 11th and 25th and September 15th and 29th as potential dates for additional Council meetings.

**Agenda Item VIII. COMMENTS WITHOUT DELIBERATION**

Public comment may be received on any matter under the Council's jurisdiction without regard to whether the item was posted on the agenda. No public comments were received.

**Agenda Item IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Lucke called the meeting to a close at 3:37 PM.

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County Judge Marty Lucke, Chair Date