**GOVERNOR’S BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

**Minutes of May 18, 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, Edward “Kenny” Scudder, William “Bill” Sproull, Greg Conte, William F. “Bill” Hetherington, Sheriff Ray Scifres, Matthew J. “Matt” Yeager, Juli A. Blanda, James M. “Mike” Easley, County Clerk Schelana Myers Hock, Edward J. “Eddy” Smith

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:**

Philip Rocha, Lindsey Aston, Santos Cadena, Stephen Davis, Jarred Shaffer

*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 1:41 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 April 13, 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 April 13, 2023. Council member Sheriff James R. “Ray” Scifres Jr. moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Lindsey Lee. 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 DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, PROVIDING AN UPDATE (1) RELATING TO HIS OFFICE AND COUNCIL REVIEW, DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SAME; AND (2) RELATING TO CONNECTED NATION (BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY MOLLY WEINER, DIRECTOR, LOCAL AND REGIONAL PLANNING, CONNECTED NATION) AND COUNCIL REVIEW, DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SAME**

An update on the Boot program was shared. The application deadline has passed and applications are being processed. Discussed issues with the applications and how that is being corrected. Also provided an update regarding the BEAD Program.

**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**

Provided information regarding the release of the model challenge process document for the BEAD

Program. Discussed FCC releasing funding map. Discussed allocation for BEAD Program.

**Agenda Item VI. COMMENTS BY KATHY GREEN, DIRECTOR, STATE AND FEDERAL STRATEGY, AARP TEXAS STATE OFFICE, PROVIDING INFORMATION FROM HER OFFICE AND COUNCIL REVIEW, DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SAME**

Provided information and awareness regarding AARP. Gave a powerpoint presentation regarding

Broadband and AARP.

**Agenda Item VII. INFORMATION FROM AND OPEN DIALOGUE WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCERNING FUTURE COMMENTS, ANDSUGGESTIONS FOR IDEAS ON 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, OR ANY OTHER ITEM CONCERNING THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL; THE COUNCIL WILL NOT TAKE ACTION RELATING TO THESE ITEMS IF NOT ALSO COVERED IN AGENDA ITEMS I-VI.**

Matt Yeager made a comment regarding the education market and broadband. Bill Sproul made comments regarding the FCC broadband funding map. Akbar Kara made comments about serving the education markets and the necessity for cyber security education.

**Agenda Item VIII.**  **COMMENTS WITHOUT DELIBERATION**

No public comments were received.

**Agenda Item X. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Lucke announced the next meeting will be June 22, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. and called the meeting to a close at 2.31 PM.

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County Judge Marty Lucke, Chair Date