**Governor’s Task Force on Broadband**

**Monday, December 19, 2022**

**10:00 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.**

**Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams**

**Task Force Members Present:** Teddy Bekele, Yvonne Cariveau, Barbara Droher Kline, Steve Fenske, Steve Giorgi, Jason Hollinday, Marc Johnson, Brian Krambeer, Micah Myers, Phil Stalboerger, Theresa Sunde, Paul Weirtz

**Task Force Members Absent:** Nolan Cauthen, Jim Weikum, Dave Wolf

**Others in Attendance:** Sam Ashkar, Carol Bossuyt, Deven Bowdry, Hannah Buckland, Scott Cole, Jennifer Frost, Karrie Jansen, Tom Karst, Bree Maki, Jackie McCarthy, Melinda Miller, Paul Nesenson, Todd Tobis, Ann Treacy, Diane Wells

1. **Welcome, Task Force Introductions, Attendee Introductions**

Chair Bekele called the meeting to order and roll call was taken. Chair Bekele provided an overview of the agenda. Meeting minutes from November 17, 2022 were approved. Chair Bekele welcomed Barbara Kline, the newest Task Force member, who is taking the place of Bernadine Joselyn.

1. **Update from Bree Maki, Executive Director, Office of Broadband Development (OBD)**

Bree updated the Task Force on the following items: Just under $100 million was awarded in B2B grants and recipients were announced on December 8. The 61 grants awarded included projects in 48 counties. OBD opened up a new grant round today with applications due by March 2, 2023. The Connecting One Minnesota Kick-Off event for BEAD and Digital Equity federal funding will be held Wednesday, January 25 in Prior Lake. This is a collaboration with NTIA (National Telecommunications and Information Administration) and the OBD office. A Save-the-Date with more information on attending in-person or virtually will be going out soon. The FCC mapping challenge ends on January 13, so OBD is working with the Communications Team on getting information out on how residents can challenge the broadband speed shown at their location. OBD is also working with MnGeo to get serviceable location data from counties. The Line Extension Program has now had 471 applications with 23 of them entered by OBD for constituents who were unable to submit their application online.

1. **Walk-Through of Draft Annual Report**

The Task Force went through the draft annual report prepared by Scott Cole from Collectivity. Scott will update the document with the changes, then the draft will be emailed out and posted on our OBD website for a final walk-through and a vote by Task Force members at a meeting on Thursday, December 22, 2022.

1. **Continuation of Meeting**

At 11:40am, Steve Fenske moved and Brian Krambeer seconded to continue this meeting on Thursday, December 22 at 10:00am.