**Governor’s Task Force on Broadband**

**February 18, 2020**

**Land O’Lakes**

**Room A1-107  
4001 Lexington Avenue North  
Arden Hills, MN 55164-0101**

**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Task Force Members Present:** Teddy Bekele, Nolan Cauthen, Dale Cook, Steve Fenske, Steve Giorgi, Marc Johnson, Bernadine Joselyn, Brian Krambeer, Micah Myers, Theresa Sunde, Jim Weikum, Paul Weirtz and Dave Wolf

**Task Force Members Absent:** Shannon Heim

**Others in Attendance:** Chuck Ackman, Anna Boroff, Deven Bowdry, Kyle Hartnett, Daniel Lightfoot, Andy Sackreiter, Chakra Sankaraiah, Paula Sunde, Ann Treacy, Diane Wells, Ben Wiechman

1. **Welcome, Introductions, Approval of Minutes and Public Comment**

Chair Bekele previewed the agenda. He also noted that the task force letter in support of additional funding for the Border-to-Border broadband grant program had been submitted to Governor Walz and legislative leaders. The task force discussed the role and use of substitutes at meetings. Substitutes will be allowed, they may join conversations during the meeting but will not be allowed to vote; the chair and/or OBD should be notified in advance of the meeting. The minutes from the January 24, 2020 meeting were approved. There were no public comments.

1. **Land O’Lakes Tour**

The task force toured the test kitchen, guided by Samantha Kelly. Next, Joana Montenegro provided a tour of the dairy R&D lab.

1. **Overview of Ag Tech Uses by Land O’Lakes**

Amanda Neely, Ag Tech Marketing & Strategic Partnerships, provided an overview of some of the technology tools used by Land O’Lakes and responded to questions. Her presentation is available here: [Land O'Lakes Tech Presentation](https://mn.gov/deed/assets/landolakes-tech-presentation_tcm1045-421761.pdf)

1. **Overview of 5G**

Andy Sackreiter, Director, Radio Access Network, AT&T, provided information on 5G and

Responded to questions from the task force.

1. **Lunch**

During lunch, Pete Kappelman, Member and SVP Government Relations, Land O’Lakes, provided a history of Land O’Lakes and previewed some of the topics expected at the annual meeting the following week.

1. **Overview of Fixed Wireless**

Ben Wiechman, Director of Network Strategy and Engineering, Arvig, gave an overview of fixed wireless and the spectrum used. A copy of his presentation is available at [Arvig Fixed Wireless Presentation](https://mn.gov/deed/assets/arvig-widescreen-version_tcm1045-421677.pdf)

1. **Subgroups**

Subgroups are reminded that they should be holding calls or meetings between full task force meetings. If a subgroup needs assistance setting up a conference bridge or a meeting room prior to a task force meeting, let Diane Wells know. Each subgroup is expected to report out at full task force meetings. Chair Bekele indicated that if the subgroups want a project charter, he can send one out.

1. **Other Business/March Meeting Plans/Wrap Up**

Steve Giorgi noted that Cherry Township would be receiving broadband service through a USDA ReConnect grant. Bernadine Joselyn indicated she was in Washington D.C. last week as part of the Pew Charitable Trusts presentation of its two-year study on state level broadband approaches. The March meeting date will be revisited as there were a number of conflicts with the proposed date.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.