**Governor’s Task Force on Broadband**

**October 7, 2020**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**And**

**1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

**(Note the 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. portion of the meeting will be held jointly with Blandin Conference**

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**WebEx/Conference Call 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.:
Dial-in:** **1-619-377-3319 or 1-888-742-5095, Passcode 3249482049**

Meeting link:

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

**Others in Attendance:** Anna Boroff, Angie Dickison, Patrick Haggerty, Eric Lightner, Cassie Lovelle, Eileen Smith, Ann Treacy, Diane Wells, and several other participants over the course of the meeting.

1. **Joint Meeting with Blandin Conference**

The first portion of the meeting, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, was held jointly with the Blandin Foundation Fall Conference: “Broadband 2020: Connected We Stand”. Following a welcome, there was a panel

“Border-to-Border Broadband Development Fund Grantee Presentations” where the Task Force heard

from two communities, Rock County and the city of Melrose, on how Minnesota broadband grants

impacted their communities. Representatives from the two communities responded to questions from

attendees. Following the presentation, breakout sessions with the three Task Force Subcommittees

were convened. Conference attendees, including Task Force members, then reported back to the full

group. Next, Task Force members were invited to attend a conference presentation titled “From Digital

Infrastructure to Transformation: Leveraging Broadband for Community Economic Development” by

Roberto Gallardo, Ph.D., Director, Purdue Center for Regional Development; and C&RE Specialist, Purdue Extension, W Lafayette, IN.

1. **Welcome, Task Force Introductions, Attendee Introductions and Approval of Minutes from September 8, 2020 Meeting**

The Task Force reconvened at 1:30 p.m. by WebEx for a working session. Chair Bekele outlined the

 agenda. The minutes from the September 8, 2020 meeting were approved.

1. **Report Outline and Subgroup Report Out**

A tentative outline for the final report was reviewed and discussed. Each subgroup reported out on their progress and content for the draft report.

1. **Public Comment, Other Business, November Meeting Plans, Wrap-up**

Chair Bekele asked if anyone outside the Task Force had any comments. No public comments. Chair Bekele indicated that Governor Walz was scheduled to attend the next Task Force meeting on November 10. For that meeting, the subgroup writers should be preparing to put content into a single report draft. He expected most of the next meeting to consist of reviewing content and recommendations.

Meeting adjourned just after 2:30 p.m.