**Governor’s Task Force on Broadband**

**June 28, 2017**

**Herreid Board Meeting Room – Rock County Courthouse**

**204 East Brown Street**

**Luverne, MN 56156**

**10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Task Force Members present:** Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Hannah Buckland, Denise Dittrich, Kevin Hansen, Maureen Ideker, Bernadine Joselyn, Don Niles, Jody Reisch, Dan Richter, and Dick Sjoberg

**Task Force Members Absent:** Shannon Heim, Steve Lewsader, Neela Mollgaard, Andy Schriner and Paul Weirtz

**Others in attendance:** Amy Ahlers, Jacki Anderson, Rob Anderson, Vernon Brown, Lee DeKoekkoek, Ryan Dutton, Kari Flanagan, Mavis Fodness, Julie Foote, Andy Hulcher, Tim Johnson, Jane Leonard, Bruce Lombard, Steve Torkelson, Ann Treacy, Sen. Bill Weber, Diane Wells, Stan Williamson

1. **Welcome**

Members of the Task Force introduced themselves. Stan Williamson, chair of the county board, and Sen. Bill Weber, welcomed the Task Force to Rock County.

1. **Introductions, Approval of Minutes, Public Comments**

Members of the public attending the meeting introduced themselves. The minutes of the May 11, 2017 Task Force meeting were approved. Tony Dutton, from SDN Communications, provided public comments.

1. **Rock County Broadband Alliance Grant Project Overview**

Alliance Communications, which built the Rock County broadband project, provided an overview of the project. A copy of the Alliance presentation is available at [Alliance Overview of Rock County Project](https://mn.gov/deed/assets/rock-county_tcm1045-301887.pdf). Representatives from Alliance also responded to questions from Task Force members.

1. **Project Impact Statements**

Scott Drey with C&B Operations, discussed broadband applications from John Deere. He responded to questions from Task Force members.

Steve Torkelson, with the Lower Sioux tribe, addressed the Task Force on the uses and needs for broadband by that community. He also responded to questions from Task Force members.

Three letters were also submitted on behalf of residents of Rock County. The letters can be found at: [Rock County - Sanford Letter](https://mn.gov/deed/assets/rock-county-sanford_tcm1045-301892.pdf), [Rock County - Bill Rolfs Letter](https://mn.gov/deed/assets/rock-county-rolfs_tcm1045-301890.pdf), and [Rock County - Dwight Bremer Letter](https://mn.gov/deed/assets/rock-county-bremer_tcm1045-301891.pdf).

1. **Working Lunch**

During lunch, Task Force members discussed content for the annual report.

1. **Bus Tour**

In the afternoon portion of the meeting, the Task Force and meeting attendees stopped at the following locations to learn how fiber broadband service was having an impact: KQAD Radio Station, Skattum Confinement Systems, Beaver Creek elementary school, and Veldkamp Farms. At all of the stops, the presenters responded to questions from Task Force members.

1. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.