**Governor’s Task Force on Broadband**

**February 22, 2021**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Webex/Conference Call Virtual Meeting via Teams**

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

**Task Force Members Absent:** None

**Others in Attendance:** Chuck Ackman,Sonya Borgeson-Bethke, Anna Boroff, Deven Bowdry, Joe Buttweiler, Zach Cairns, Cristina Diaz, Angie Dickison, Amanda Duerr, Brian Frederick, Jen Frost, Steve Howard, Benya Kraus, Cassie Lovelle, Bree Maki, Jessica Schatz, Ashley Schweitzer, Ann Treacy, Diane Wells, Melissa Wolf and Nathan Zacharias.

1. **Welcome, Task Force Introductions, Attendee Introductions and Approval of Minutes from January 29, 2021 Meeting**

Chair Bekele went over the agenda for the meeting. Roll call was taken. Members of the public attending the webex were able to introduce themselves. The minutes of the January 29, 2021 meeting were approved.

1. **Update on 2021 Legislation**

Deven Bowdry, DEED’s Government Relations Coordinator, provided an update on broadband legislation introduced in the 2021 legislative session.

1. **Rural Electric Coops and Broadband**

Brian Krambeer, President/CEO of MiEnergy, and Task Force member, provided an overview of rural electric cooperatives provisioning of broadband services. His presentation is available here: [MiEnergy Presentation (mn.gov)](https://mn.gov/deed/assets/22feb2021-mienergy_tcm1045-471260.pdf) Mr. Krambeer also responded to questions from Task Force members.

1. **Land O’Lakes: American Connection Project**

Tina May, Vice President, Rural Services, provided an overview of the work being done through the American Connection Project. She responded to questions from Task Force members.

1. **Task Force Organization**

The Task Force discussed subgroup assignments and topics. The subgroups will meet prior to the full Task Force meeting in March.

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

There were no public comments. There was no additional business. Chair Bekele wrapped up the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.