



**Town of Henniker
Broadband Committee
Wednesday, August 02, 2023, 4:30 pm
Henniker Town Hall and Virtual**

- Members Present in Person:** Paul Knudsen, Marc McMurphy, Diane Kendall, Bob Pagano, Jesse Pinnell
- Members Present Virtual:** Carol Miller – Broadband initiative Director
- Members Excused:** Carol Conforti-Adams
- Selectboard Representative:** D. Scott Osgood
- Others:** Carol Miller – Broadband initiative director
- Recording Secretary:** Jesse Pinnell
- Guests:** None

Meeting commenced at 4:34 PM.

A motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting was made by Mr. Knudsen and seconded by Mr. Pinnell. The minutes were approved with 3 aye votes and one abstention.

TDS indicated no intention to submit a proposal but expressed interest in working with matching funds without responding to the RFP. A motion to initiate a conversation between Ms. Miller and TDS was made by Mr. Pagano, seconded by Mr. Knudsen, and approved unanimously.

Comcast requested a one-week extension to the 18th, leading to a motion by Mr. Knudsen, seconded by Mr. Pagano. Ms. Kendall suggested extending the deadline for all to the 25th. A second motion to extend the deadline instead by two weeks for all providers was made by Mr. Pagano, seconded by Mr. Knudsen.

An update was given on the final rules of the broadband matching fund, including the first \$25M coming from the treasury and having different rules than BEAD funding. Ms. Miller indicated that the first \$25M may be easier to obtain, while the remaining amount applicable to only unserved areas might be more challenging.

Mr. McMurphy suggested early preparation for the committee’s presentation to the select board. Ms. Miller will provide details and support as needed.

Questions arose about the confidentiality of numbers presented by providers and whether they can be published as public information. Diane requested reports from other communities for review, and Ms. Miller agreed to provide some.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Pagano at 5:04 PM, seconded by Mr. Knudsen, and approved unanimously.

Next meeting September 6, 2023, at 4:30 pm Henniker Town Hall and Virtual

Respectfully draft submitted,

Jesse Pinnell, Minute Taker
