

Oneida County Technology Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 8, 2013 1:00 p.m.
Rhineland-Oneida County Airport
UW-Extension Conference Room
3375 Airport Road
Rhineland, WI 54501

Committee Members present: Dave Hintz/Chairman, Bob Martini/County Board Supervisor, Dan Hess/Lieutenant – Oneida County Sheriff's Department, Don Sidlowski/Technology Specialist

Committee Members not present: Billy Fried/County Board Supervisor,

Committee Advisors present: Tim Brown/UW-Extension Community, Natural Resource & Economic Development Agent, Joe Hegge/Grow North Regional Economic Development Corporation, Lynn Grube/Oneida County Information Technology Systems Director

Others present: Marcus Neemann/The Northwoods River News, John Langeland/Town of Sugar Camp

Call the meeting to order:

Hintz called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

Approve meeting agenda with order of items at discretion of Chairman:

Motion by Hess to approve the meeting agenda with order of items at discretion of Chairman. Second by Martini. All members present voting 'Aye'. Motion carried.

Approve minutes of April 22, 2013 meeting:

Motion by Martini to approve April 22, 2013 meeting minutes. Second by Hess. All members present voting 'Aye'. Motion carried.

Don Sidlowski entered meeting.

Sidlowski notes misspelled name in minutes. Previous motion withdrawn. Motion by Hintz to amend April 22, 2013 minutes, clarifying the name under "Others present" to be spelled John Langeland. Second by Martini. All members present voting 'Aye'. Motion carried.

Survey Results:

Hintz states survey results were received from Rhineland, Minocqua, Crescent, Newbold and Three Lakes, with about 25% of the citizens in these townships responding. The survey produced mixed results regarding if people were happy with their local internet speed. Martini notes that rural areas have an even higher need for better broadband speed due to residents, visitors and businesses being remote from busier areas. The survey found that Rhineland doesn't have much better broadband speed than many of the smaller townships. Survey results of second home owners shows these people want the same level of connectivity as they have in their urban homes. Martini feels the survey data may be useful not only to this committee but to commercial internet providers in improving area broadband in the future. Overall, most of the people completing the survey are not satisfied with their level of service and demands for better broadband service will increase even more in the future. Further discussion held on how to incorporate the LinkWISCONSIN and Grown North survey data into the County Board training presentation.

County Board training session:

Agenda: Hintz states it has been brought to his attention that in order to hold the County Board training session, a petition signed by a majority of the County Board members needs to be submitted. Hintz feels this will not be a problem and already has the verbal approval of the County Board Chairman Ted Cushing. Committee/County Board members Martini and Hintz present at this meeting signed the petition. Eleven County Board member signatures will be needed to get a majority.

Langeland feels the training session is on track but voiced concern that once the presentation is done, would the County Board members attending be clear on what this committee is looking to have the County Board help them achieve. Martini notes that a couple of resolutions will come out of this training session that will hopefully be heard at the June County Board meeting. Hegge feels this committee should give specific recommendations to the county board. Martini feels it is important to communicate to the County Board that this will be an ongoing project and the funding requested will be ongoing as well. Hintz states the Administration Committee will need to get funding priorities set for the upcoming budget year; Hintz would like to submit technology funding priorities to be considered. Sidlowski states Roger Luce, Tim Brown and him were asked to sit on a technology board in Vilas County and Sidlowski has also had talks with Lac du Flambeau, who is willing to help provide funding for technology assessments in the future.

Draft Materials: Brown provided draft outline for the County Board training meeting. In-depth discussion held on the length and presentation content of this training session meeting. Committee agrees that ample time should be allotted for additional discussion and questions for the County Board members at the end of the session. Sidlowski feels the session should also include a plan for public participation. Brown discussed including the Wisconsin Counties Association broadband articles with the agenda packet. Committee held discussion on what should be included in the agenda packet and Hintz notes that he would like to limit the packet of information with the agenda to 20 pages. The Committee will decide which information should be included with the agenda packet for the County Board training session at the next meeting. The Committee reviewed the draft slide show for being prepared for the training session and suggestions were made for changes to the slide show. Discussion held on involving public with this meeting. A public comment section will be included at the end of the training session.

Brown suggests running a rehearsal of the training session at the next meeting; Hintz agrees. Discussion held and next meeting date set for May 17, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. Brown states slides for presentation are due to him by Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. Location of meeting to be determined.

Transition and Committee End of Life:

Discussion held on this committee's transition at the end of June 2013 and possible directions to take to continue this committee's initiatives. This agenda topic will be discussed further at upcoming meetings.

Resolution Drafts:

To be discussed at future meetings

Public comments:

None

Next meeting date:

May 17, 2013 at 9:30am (location to be determined)

Future agenda topics:

County Board training session preparation

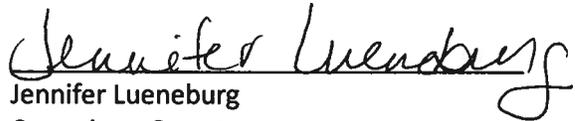
Resolution drafts

Adjournment:

Motion by Sidlowski to adjourn meeting. Second by Hess. All members present voting 'Aye'. Motion carried. Adjourn at 2:40 p.m.



Dave Hintz
Committee Chair



Jennifer Lueneburg
Committee Secretary