

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2025

In attendance: Dan Lilla, Chairman; David Kujak, Supervisor; Joseph Wener, Supervisor; Kara Wener, Clerk; Becky Tiedje, Treasurer; Scott Lambert, Nancee Quinn, Denise Lilla, Jennifer Lilla, Greg Moga, Michelle Fetting, Pat Bushman, Rod Seitz, Barbara Lager, Deb Scholl, Carol Galewski, John Glenzinski, Jill Glenzinski, Loni Frahm, Karen Pronschinske, Dave Pronschinske, Jordan Manka, Amber Manka, Nick Marzoltka, Eve Kramer, Daryl Kramer, Sam Kramer, Jo Siever, Greg Konkell, Lacey Konkell, Rick Kujak, Ken Frahm, TJ Fonfara, Ryan Hilton, Ken Frahm Jr, Jessie Frahm, Scott Teske, Tobey Rugotzke, Dave Kramer, Kathy Kramer, Jackson Hoffman, Jim Sobotta, Lane White, Tom Lambert, Michealynn Lambert, Ed Kamrowski, TJ Fonfara, Joe Kujak, Kevin Wolfe, Jim Brandt, Michael Hoesley, Malia Fox, Gayle Cyert, Dave Glenzinski

Meeting called to order at 6:30. Chairman Lilla asked if public notice requirements were met for the meeting; Clerk Wener affirmed public notice requirements were met.

Broadband, Equity and Access Development Grant (BEAD): Chairman Lilla introduced Shawn Squires CEO of Cochrane Cooperative Telephone (CCT). Mr. Squires shared CCT staffing and background. Noted they are the smallest and oldest telephone cooperative in Wisconsin. They have 7 staff, and 24/7 support services offered in house by their staff. Mr. Squires shared the map area of planned coverage and noted some areas that overlap into the Town of Arcadia and the Town of Trempealeau. The project would lay fiber optic cable throughout the town of Dodge. Presented the financial figures for the project contingent up Arcadia and Trempealeau joining in on the grant for the portions that cross into their townships. Cost for the town of Dodge share will be roughly \$250,000. Mr. Squires shared their current prices for their services: residential phone \$35/month; business phone \$45/month and most common internet speed \$75/month and an option bundle the services for added savings. However, pricing is still being adjusted. Mr. Squires took several questions from the floor.

Noted next steps should the town wish to pursue the grant with CCT are:

- *Gathering letters of support from residents and businesses; due February 21, 2025
- *Resolution from the town board supporting the opportunity
- *Letter of support from the town board
- *Signed agreement

Dan Lilla asked for an advisory vote on pursuing the BEAD grant opportunity with CCT. A yes indicating the town should pursue the grant opportunity with CCT and a No indicating the town should NOT pursue the grant opportunity. Kara Wener and Becky Tiedje served as tellers. Vote tally was YES: 37 and NO 7.

Dan Lilla noted there would be further discussion at a future meeting.

Joe Wener made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Dave Kujak. Meeting adjourned at 8:44.