

## NEK Community Broadband

# Tech Committee Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2021 6-7pm

**Attendees: Shawn Burroughs, Jami Jones (clerk), David Martin, Mike Gaiss (governing board), Noah Armstrong, Jonathan Baker**

### Agenda Review- 2min

### Updates- 5min

### New Business- 50min

- State Service Data Accuracy- The data is not as accurate as we would like it to be, from the state. I.e. Shawn is said to be 100/100 when he is receiving 4/1.
  - May have more impact next year on what is considered an underserved address.
  - How do we get the state to change the information? What is the real impact of these maps on the NEK projects?
    - Pressing for more oversight to modify the data.
    - It may not be high on the state's priority list
    - Are there other funding areas that will be affected by the data of the state maps? May be important for the business plan.
  - What are the concrete steps we can take?
    - Is the governing board willing?
    - What kind of data would move the "needle" and what do they need to change the maps?
    - Would like Evan or Christine to ask about what it would take to have better data and what effect does that have on the business plan?
    - FCC speed-data app could be a requirement.
  - How do you test hardlined connections?
    - Many variables. Perhaps even just seeing if there is infrastructure is helpful.
  - Splitting up the grant money based on the data, what do we do about that?
  - Figuring out who the correct person to talk to about the effort is?
  - Could be good PR

- Tom Thomas
- Starlink Survey- update
  - It's there if we want to do it. The timing is good to capture data and experiences around reliability, consolidating the information under one roof.
  - Getting data is valuable because there are some places that will not be able to ever have fiber because they are so far out.
  - We should be able to gather and provide information to those who have questions.
  - It would be important to get more eyes on the survey before it is sent to CUD members and neighbors. Mike will be asking Christine to look at it as well.  
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## Other Business-

### Adjourn

Adjourn at 6:43pm

### Action Items

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*Respectfully submitted,*

*Jami Jones, NEK Community Broadband Clerk*