

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.
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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