MARATHON COUNTY (BROADBAND) CONNECTIVITY
TASK FORCE

MINUTES
Thursday, July 23, 2015, 5:00 p.m.
Employee Resource Room, Courthouse, Wausau WI

Attendance:        Present         Absent
E. J. Stark, Chair X
Matt Bootz X
Kurt Kluck X
Mort McBain X
Jim Warsaw X
Jeff Zriny X

Also Present:    Gerry Klein, Kris Denk

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
The meeting was called to order by Chair Stark at 5:00 p.m.

2. **Public Comment** – None

3. **Approval of the Minutes of June 23, 2015 Connectivity Taskforce Meeting**
MOVED BY KLUCK, SECOND BY WARSAW TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 23, 2015
TASK FORCE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

4. **Policy Discussion and Possible Action**
   **Review Draft Documents of Task Force Recommendations to Technology Committee Relative to our
Charter**
   **Discussion:**
   Stark recapped the Task Force Recommendations documents.
   It was recommended that the Task Force define “broadband” and to adopt the FCC’s definition of
broadband (25 down – 3 up). Any approach should start with getting the public and business
sectors on board to help with funding. Also need to get providers together to see where they
want to get to and how they want to get there. The County could try to facilitate a coalition
between stakeholders to fund end goals. A matching funds approach may be an option. Since
Marathon County is adding a tower in Little Chicago – this would be a great to time to build it
bigger to support the ability to rent space to interested Wireless providers. The task force agreed
to recommend that MCDEVCO and Gerry Klein make the initial contact with several of the key
providers and start the discussion of needs and wants once the County board approves our
recommendations.
   **Action:**
   Changes made to document:
   - Added bullet to #5 – “When building…”
   - Change wording in bullet under #5 (approach WI counties) to **Review and ease barriers**
     to public and private partnerships
   - Added “improved” to quality of service in #6
   - Grammatical errors corrected
   **Follow Through:**
   No follow through needed

5. **Vote to Move Edited Draft Document to the Technology Committee for Future Discussion and Review**
MOVED BY KLUCK, SECOND BY WARSAW TO MAKE RECOMMENDED CHANGES AND SEND
6. **Future Meetings Topics and Agenda Items**
   A. Next meeting:
   B. Agenda items:

7. **Adjournment**
   MOTION BY MCBAIN; SECOND BY KLUCKTO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.
   Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
By Kris Denk