

Telecommunications Committee Meeting – July 19, 2017

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The meeting was called to order by Town of Russell Committee Chairman Mark Bugher, Town of Russell Supervisor at 8:00 a.m. at the Town of Russell Garage. Roll call was taken as follows; present Town of Russell Supervisor Larry Meierotto, Town of Russell committee member Mike Cariveau, Town of Bayfield Chairman Tom Gordon, Theron Rutna, Red Cliff Tribe, Bayfield Mayor Gordon Ringberg, David Eades, Bayfield Chamber and Visitor Bureau, Lance Twombly and Kelly Garrison representing the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore and Town of Russell Clerk/Treasurer David L. Good was also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

Approval of the agenda – A motion was made by Cariveau and seconded by Meierotto to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT – No input was offered.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion with Angie Dickison, Wisconsin Public Service Commission, regarding issues relating to cellular and broadband services on the Bayfield Peninsula – Dickison presented the Town of Russell a citation from Governor Walker recognizing the Town as a Broadband Forward Community. Discussion was held regarding the efforts of the communities of the Bayfield Peninsula in working to address the needs of citizens, local emergency service personnel, governments and businesses for broadband and cellular services. Dickison updated the committee and meeting attendees on the State's efforts to address the needs for improved broadband services.

OLD BUSINESS

Items for next meeting: Nothing additional from the July 6, 2017 meeting.

The next Telecommunications Committee Meeting – It was agreed to meet on at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, August 7, 2017 at the Town Garage.

A motion to adjourn at 8:50 a.m. was made by Cariveau and seconded by Meierotto. The motion carried.

Those present gathered outside for a photograph of the presentation of the Broadband Forward Community citation and a news release was issued.

The minutes respectfully submitted by:

David L. Good – Clerk/Treasurer