

Gogebic Range Broadband Committee Meeting 7/27

1. Introductions- In attendance- Erik Powers, Norm McKindles, Kelly Klein, Joe Bonovetz, Tom Bergman, Dick Thiedel
2. Infrastructure Updates
 - a. Gogebic County- Erik Powers reported that he has been reviewing the Gogebic County Technology Action Plan to ensure accurate and up-to-date information is included. It is linked here:
http://www.connectmi.org/sites/default/files/connected-nation/gogebic_county_michigan_technology_report_final.pdf

For those of you from Gogebic County, you are encouraged to review it and get any edits or changes to Erik at epowers@wuppd.org

- b. Iron County- Kelly said the PSC is expected to announce results of the grant applicants in August. He feels confident in their application which he described as strong with lots of support. He said the equipment installation on Saxon and Montreal Towers have been completed and Radar Hill is in progress.

Norm asked about the status of Saxon Harbor in light of the recent storm. Kelly suggested waiting to see how things develop before redirecting any funds.

Tom met with the landowner of the Springstead tower site and they came to a loose agreement for the county to acquire the land that the tower sits on.

3. Broadband Summit Planning

- a. Nothing substantial has developed since the last meeting. Norm said Jim Lorenson was looking at available dates in the fall for facilities at GCC.

Norm said the UW-Extension office contacted him about collaborating on the event. He will follow up. He will also work with Jim Lorenson to schedule a Summit Planning Subcommittee Meeting soon.

4. Other

- a. PSC Broadband Forward Ordinance- Kelly shared with the group a model policy-based ordinance the PSC made available for local units to adopt. He will send it out to the group.

5. Next Meeting- The next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 31 at 12 noon CDT at the Hurley County Courthouse.