

**Gogebic Range Broadband Committee
November 29, 2017 meeting notes**

McKindles opened the meeting in the Iron County Board Room at 12:05 pm.

Participants: Norm McKindles (primary/secondary education), Brandon Yuchasz (GogebicRange.net), Joe Bonovetz (Gogebic County), Jim Lundburg (Merit Networks), Richard Thiede (Oma resident), Mike Shouldice (Mercer resident), Jim Lorensen,(President Gogebic Community College), Joe Pinardi (Iron County) and Loren Peterson (Superior Connections).

Gogebic County update: Jim Lorensen gave an update on progress of the survey indicating that things are going slow at this time. He also indicated that the college has some concerns about the size of the tower that NMU is asking to place at the top of Mt. Zion.

GogebicRange.Net request to the city of Ironwood: Brandon Yuchasz updated the committee stating that the Ironwood City Commission gave final approval to GogebicRange.Net for the placement of their fixed wireless equipment on the existing light poles on top of Mt. Zion. If a larger tower is ever placed in that area by NMU, GogebicRange.Net could move their equipment to co-locate on the new structure.

Iron County update: Public Service Commission announced another round of grants with applications due in January. Kelly Klein was not in attendance today as he was attending a WI Public Service Commission meeting which provided assistance and guidance in the application process. Norman McKindles and Richard Thiede distributed requests for letters of support for the grant to the property owners near Spider Lake and Lake of The Falls areas. To date we have received approximately 25 letters which will be included with the application.

Springstead: Brandon stated that the Springstead Tower would likely be online in the very near future.

The Gogebic Range Broadband Committee will NOT meet in December, 2017.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at noon in the Iron County boardroom.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.

Submitted by Norm McKindles