



County of Augusta
Internet Initiative (Broadband Committee)
PO Box 590
Verona, VA 24482

Thursday, July 28, 2022 7:00 pm

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mr. Lawhorne, Chairman, Riverheads District
Mr. Powell, Middle River District
Mr. Miller, Beverly Manor District
Ms. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator

ABSENT: Ms. Thornton, North River District
Mr. Henderson, Vice-Chairman, Pastures District
Mr. Kirby, Wayne District
Vacant, South River District
Ms. Carter, Board of Supervisors Liaison
Ms. Melton, Asst. Superintendent for Instruction & Technology

VIRGINIA: At the regular meeting of the Augusta County Internet Initiative (Broadband Committee) held on Thursday, July 28, 2022 at 7:00 pm in person.

Call to Order

Meeting started at 7:00pm. A quorum was not present.

Adoption of the Minutes

Minutes of the March 24, 2022 and April 28, 2022 meetings were not considered due to lack of quorum.

Comments by the Public

None

Special Presentations

None

Matters to be Presented by Sub-Committees

None

Matters to be Presented by Staff

Ms. Whetzel provided an update on the VATI 2021 grant that is under construction by MGW/Lingo Networks. Work continues in all four project areas:

- Middlebrook: Overhead construction is completed on northern section of project area, which included 46 passings. Overhead construction started on the southern section. VDOT and/or additional SVEC permit needed.
- Morris Mill: Overhead construction on Dominion-owned poles is close to completion. Fiber-to-the-home installs continue throughout project area where mainline work is complete.
- Deerfield: A lengthy, rural spur off of Deerfield Rd (Marble Valley area) is complete. Fiber-to-the-home upgrades/installs continue throughout project area where mainline work is complete.

- McDowell: Fiber-to-the-home upgrades/installs continue throughout project area where mainline work is complete. Mainline work in the Davis Run area is complete.

DHCD will conduct an onsite assessment of the VATI2021 project on August 8, 2022.

Fifty-four percent (54%) of the milestones have been completed to date. An extension will be requested due to weather delays, staff out with COVID, delays in easements and supply chain issues. There was a flip from overhead fiber installation to underground fiber installation in a portion of the Middlebrook project area requiring a VDOT permit.

Below is a summary of work to date. Please note that milestones are set on two month increments, so therefore the passings will be updated every other month.

Project Area	Total Passings	Passings to Date 6/30/22
McDowell	235	325 MGW Projects
Deerfield	508	
Morris Mill	288	140 Lingo Projects
Middlebrook	142	
Total	1173	465
% Completed		40%
Subscribers to date	71	

Total Project Budget: \$1,814,876

Spent to Date \$724,786

Grant to Date \$507,350

Locality Funds to Date \$86,974

Provider Funds to Date \$130,462

Ms. Whetzel updated the Committee on the status of the VATI2022 project. The Department of Housing and Community Development contract was executed on July 22, 2022. The contract period will be from July 22, 2022 to July 22, 2025. The Board of Supervisors have requested a presentation to the Board in accordance with the Communications Plan.

The mapping project did not progress as quickly as anticipated. The state has issued a Broadband Availability Map and it is hopeful that this information will assist with the Augusta County map.

Mr. Carter, the South River District representative on the Committee, has tendered his resignation.

Matters to be Presented by the Committee

None

Old Business

None

New Business

The Committee will begin to meet quarterly.

Adjournment



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The next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 27, 2022. With no further discussion by the committee, the meeting adjourned.