

Oneida County Technology Committee Meeting
Friday, December 14, 2012 9:00 a.m.
Oneida County Courthouse, Committee Room #2
1 S. Oneida Avenue
Rhinelander, WI 54501

Committee Members present: Dave Hintz/County Board Supervisor and Committee Chairman, Bob Martini/County Board Chairman, Billy Fried/County Board Supervisor, Dan Hess/Lieutenant – Oneida County Sheriff's Department

Committee Members not present: Don Sidlowski/Three Lakes Town Chair

Committee Advisors present: Bart Lamers/One Prospect, Lynn Grube/Oneida County Information Technology Services Director

Others present: None

Call the meeting to order:

Chairman Hintz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

Approve meeting agenda with order of items at discretion of Chairman:

Motion by Martini to approve today's agenda. 2nd by Fried. All members present voting 'Aye'. Motion carried.

Approve minutes of November 29, 2012 meeting:

Motion by Fried to approve the minutes of the November 29, 2012 meeting. 2nd by Hess. All members present voting 'Aye'. Motion carried.

Goals and Objectives:

Hintz provided handout of Minocqua Technology Goals. The public technology surveys have now been sent out in tax bills in several towns. The towns are not sure what to do when they get the surveys back and Hintz clarified that the county will take care of compiling data from surveys. Committee agrees they need to educate the town chairs and would like to hold a meeting for town chairs and local technology groups to discuss what has been done so far and what direction both the individual towns and the county can take. Many of the technology initiatives have dealt with the five county area (Oneida County along with Forest, Langlade, Lincoln and Vilas County) but Fried states we should narrow our efforts by starting with Oneida county groups to see what is missing and how this committee can work toward meeting local needs. Hintz states he will meet with Sidlowski to draw up some plans and get a meeting set up with this committee and local towns and groups.

Hess suggests setting up a survey on the Oneida County website for the public to access and complete regarding their needs and opinions for expanding technology in Oneida County. Grube states her department could take care of this and uses the website Survey Monkey.

A long discussion was held on setting committee goals, using the Minocqua technology goals as a guideline. Motion by Hess to approve the five goals discussed by the committee. 2nd by Martini. The goals were then discussed and modified further. Motion by Hess to amend his previous motion to include the modified goals. 2nd by Martini. All members present voting 'Aye'. Motion carried.

Goals and Objectives (continued):

The five technology goals set by this committee are as follows:

1. Seek collaborative efforts of community, government organizations and private organizations.
2. Documenting the area's broadband and telecommunication service by producing maps that includes results of surveys and other information.
3. Educating the public about services, the latest technology and the Technology Committee's actions and goals.
4. Investigating the current status and future developments in communication and broadband technology.
5. Work with private companies and partners to make technology services a marketable feature of Oneida County.

For the next meeting, each committee member should come up with ideas on actions to take to work toward achieving each of the above listed goals.

Update on mapping:

Hess presented maps showing cell reception and cell tower locations of different providers in Oneida County but clarifies that mapping is specific on tower location but an approximation of the coverage around those towers. The committee also discussed cable fiber locations and questioned if mapping was also available on fiber locations. Grube states Diggers Hotline or North States Utility may have some mapping on fiber locations but not sure if these maps are available to the public for security purposes. Hess also discussed how the quality of hardware and the elevation of the cell reception equipment on cell towers can effect reception. Lamers also clarified that wireless usually refers to cellular service whereas broadband is generally referred to in the industry as fixed wireless or wireless ISP. Martini feels a glossary may need to be set up to clarify terms discussed in this committee. Hess, Fried and Grube to research and gather information on broadband mapping.

Public comments:

None

Next meeting date:

To be announced

Future agenda topics:

Development of broadband mapping

Develop a collaboration plan based on committee ideas for actions on each goal

Discuss update to county board on committee actions

Adjournment:

Motion by Fried to adjourn meeting. 2nd by Martini. All members present voting 'Aye'. Motion carried. Adjourn at 10:29 a.m.



Dave Hintz
Committee Chair



Jennifer Lueneburg
Committee Secretary