

## REGULAR MEETING of the WYOMING BROADBAND ADVISORY COUNCIL

Friday, September 6, 2019 | in the Afton Civic Center at 150 South Washington Street, Afton, WY

And by Webinar: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/679998864715000589>

### Meeting Agenda

*(Times and order of agenda are tentative and subject to change without notice)*

#### **8:00 a.m. CONVENE PUBLIC MEETING** – Chairman Doug Wilson

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Welcome and Introductions of Board Members
- **ACTION ITEM:** Consideration of approval of minutes from May 17, 2019 regular meeting at Riverton
- Preview of Agenda

#### **8:15 a.m. EXECUTIVE SESSION** to receive legal advice

- **ACTION ITEM:** Consideration of Executive Session for purposes of legal advice

#### **10:00 a.m. MORNING BREAK**

#### **10:15 a.m. GUEST SPEAKER:** Jerimiah Rieman – Executive Director, Wyoming County Commissioners Association

#### **10:30 a.m. GUEST SPEAKER:** Thomas Lacock – Associate State Director of Communications, AARP Wyoming

#### **10:45 a.m. GUEST SPEAKER:** Scott Sutherland – Program Director, USDA Rural Development

- ReConnect Loan and Grant Program: <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect>
- Connect America Fund – Phase II (CAF II): <https://www.fcc.gov/auction/903>

#### **11:00 a.m. BROADBAND PROVIDER UPDATES**

- Silver Star Communications
- Range Telephone Cooperative
- Union Wireless

#### **12:00 p.m. LUNCH BREAK**

#### **1:00 p.m. NEW BUSINESS**

- Opportunities for enhanced coordination with tribes and local governments to leverage public-private partnerships for broadband enhancement projects
- Opportunities to engage external stakeholders in support of broadband enhancement projects
- Other topics:
  - Community Empowerment Plan

- State Broadband Leaders Network (SBLN) Meeting Update
- Disconnected – 7 Lessons on Fixing the Digital Divide

**1:30 p.m. OLD BUSINESS**

- Updates and distribution of WY Broadband Enhancement Plan v2.0
- Update on status and further discussion regarding listing of additional funding opportunities for WY Broadband Enhancement Plan efforts
- Review current status of administrative procedures, rulemaking, launch of the WY Broadband Enhancement Plan Grant Program and any current pending applications
- Discussion of planned process for review of applications by the WY Broadband Advisory Council and recommendations to the WBC Community Grant and Loan Committee
- Update on recent activities and future plans of Broadband Manager
  - Identify opportunities for assistance from Broadband Advisory Council
- Review and discuss current Broadband related activities within specific counties
  - Goshen, Niobrara, Platte, Sweetwater, Sublette, Lincoln, Crook and others
- Review current status and any updates on the Broadband Data Mapping effort and brief demo of updated web portal solution
- Round-table updates and discussion from supporting working groups
  - **Broadband Data Mapping** – Teal Wyckoff
  - **Public-Private Partnerships & Funding** – Lauren Schoenfeld
  - **Barriers & Opportunities** – Barbara Sessions
  - **Emerging Technologies** – Jason Miller
  - **Telehealth** – Randy Miller
- Status updates from WBC Regional Directors regarding activities related to the WY Broadband Enhancement Plan in their areas

**3:00 p.m. AFTERNOON BREAK**

**3:15 p.m. PUBLIC COMMENT and FOLLOW-UP**

**3:45 p.m. FUTURE PLANNING**

- Discuss next steps and activities of the Broadband Advisory Council and the Broadband Enhancement Plan
  - Identify additional opportunities for communications and outreach
- Last quarterly meeting of 2019 will be in Cheyenne on Tuesday, December 3 8:00a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Discussion on potential dates, times and locations for 2020 quarterly meetings
- Review potential guests and speakers for future meetings:
  - Policy Director from Governor Gordon’s Office
  - Emerging Technology Provider presentation(s)
  - Middle Mile Projects Success and Launch Examples (Project THOR, Colorado)
  - Federal Agency Broadband Mapping Initiative updates

**4:00 p.m. CLOSING REMARKS and ADJOURNMENT**