

PARK COUNTY BROADBAND ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2022

Attendees: John Carr, President
Kim Burton, Secretary
Steve Wesoloski, KZ Ranch
Nate Walowitz, NW Colorado Council of Governments
Christopher Byram, Park County IT
Greg Winkler, DOLA
Bill Boles, Board Member (by phone)
Louis Gonzalez, Board Member (by phone)
Janell Sciacca, Town Administrator for Fairplay
Joe Keen (by phone)
David Shipley, South Park Telephone (by phone)
Deon Kuhl, Parks and Wildlife (by phone)

Next meeting: Monday, February 14, 2022, 10-12 am, Fairplay Community Center, 880 Bogue St, Fairplay, CO 80440

1. Announcements

n/a

2. Discussion

We invited two guests to the meeting: Nate Walowitz from NW Colorado Council of Governments, and Greg Winkler from DOLA

John Carr presented our history, current broadband built in Park County, our challenges in terms of population and topography, and our goals for the future. He outlined current and planned projects and providers in the county.

Our goal is to take segments of middle mile and fill them in and drive them out from 285.

Nate Walowitz – outlined some possible scenarios relating to Hoosier Pass, Georgetown over Guanella Pass, and the Town of Breckenridge with Blue River. NW COG is willing to work with us, but we need to find funding.

Greg Winkler – Concurred on willingness to work with us, but we need to provide a detailed RFP, and coordinate with the county and ARPA funds. It is a good time to plan as federal funds may be available early next year.

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Christopher Byram – Update on current county broadband activities – fiber is pulled to community center in Bailey. There was a pinched conduit and that is fixed. He will check on Lake George CNF to Library.