

Harrison Internet Advisory Meeting
October 6, 2022 1:00 PM Harrison Town Hall
Minutes

Present: Katie Hansen, Bob Bushman, Steve Incha, Ken Wickham, Pat Voermans

Facebook Update:

Ideas to increase facebook (FB) interaction with community

- Pro's & cons of soliciting questions from community – no decision
- FB flyer with QR code created by Katie – good job (need more for distribution)
- Post flyer with QR code in places that have bulletin boards such as local businesses, possibly lake associations, ATV trail head on Highway B, Pine Lake, etc.
- Katie will check to see about adding a link on the Harrison web page to the FB page
- Add County Board information to the FB page

Yellow Internet Sign Ads:

- Bob reports the contact is an out of state person representing “All Choice” selling satellite (Viasat & Hughes) internet. The offer is \$60 per month for three months, then \$100 per month with a two-year contract commitment. They claim 25 down and for more \$ possibly 100mbps Signs are everywhere.
- It appears the new FCC maps may not be out by November.
- Per Ken, signs are not legal if posted on road right-a-way
- We could include this information on our FB page

Maps:

Steve reports there are more households in a census block than the census blocks indicate which means more potential customers for the Service providers and a more attractive business model. We will wait to see if the County GIS can possibly do map overlays to show actual residents in census blocks.

County Board:

Ken reports he has scheduled the Charter Project Manager at the next County Board meeting October 13th and to get plans to obtain specific information for Harrison and King regarding covered and uncovered areas. Charter created a separate division in their company to manage the large number of Rural Digital Opportunity funds (RDOF) areas they were awarded. They have six years to complete the work. They consider this year one. Other information we want to know is: what are their timelines, where do they start, when will we be on the schedule, and what about the areas outside of RDOF.

Other:

- People will need resources and education to use the new technology (Digital Equity) because this technology is increasingly required to conduct to business, personal work, and health care (telehealth)

Next meeting: Thursday, November 10th at 1;00 PM, Harrison Town Hall

Tentative Agenda:

- County Board Update - Ken
- Speed test & maps updates – Steve & Ken
- Internet Information Sources– the Regional Broadband Committee is inactive Pat
- Facebook
 - Message ideas for posting information about the yellow signs
 - Town web page link to our internet FB page
 - Distribution strategy for getting QR code disseminated
- Report from Brian Hansen about the Economic Development Summit at Nicolet
- Report on the October 25th all day workshop “Internet For All” – by those who attend
- Next meeting November 10 at 1pm