

Mathews Broadband Advisory Board

Monday, 9 September 2019, 7:00 PM Mathews Volunteer Rescue Squad Building
Amy Dubois, Liaison BOS; Judy Rowe, Interim Chair; Nancy Welch, Rob Quartel, Chuck Huntley, Bill Vrooman, Greg Lewis, Mindy Conner
Stakeholders: Christine Hughes, Curtis Hughes, Jim Farmer, Courtney Rowe, Charlene Winter, Hal Bourque, Bri Sadler, Willie Love, Cynthia Hayes

Supervisors: Mike Rowe, G. C. Morrow
Guests: Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Frame

Minutes

Update:

VATI Grants: Judy and Mindy reported on the two votes by the Board of Supervisors. The first one approved the county moving forward with the VATI regional grant application that includes the Peach Point Community project for Mathews. The second approved a letter of support for Gloucester's VATI grant application to erect two new towers with Mathews benefiting from a bleed over to 543 homes close to the Gloucester County line.

Dominion Energy: Mindy reported on the Dominion Energy RFI. Dominion is looking for possible pilot projects for using their equipment to provide broadband capability to rural areas.

Minutes, 29 July 2019 meeting: Sent by email. Correction: Greg Lewis did attend.

Chuck Huntley gave presentation on the types of service and how they fit into applications for grant funding.

Teeny and Curtis Hughes presented the beginnings of a vision for Mathews as a connected community.

Brainstorming sessions on Chuck Kirby's challenge:

When you get it, what are you going to do with it?

1. What do teachers and students want to be able to do with better broadband?
2. How can we facilitate online businesses, entrepreneurship and working from home?
3. What vision do our young professionals have for Mathews as a connected community?
4. What do our medical and emergency services members see as the most urgent needs for our citizens?

Signup to work on the questions for the survey.

Adjourned.