



MATHEWS BROADBAND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

14 October 2025

MINUTES

*Judy Rowe; *Willie Love; *Greg Lewis; * Marshall Ruffin, M.D.; *Page Herbert; David Walsh; Jeff Beekhoo; Tyler Beekhoo; Tim Doss; a gentleman from Gwynn's Island, Tim ?? *Voting Member; Quorum = 5 voting members

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

9/9/25 Minutes Approved as emailed. David moved; Willie seconded.

OLD BUSINESS

Monopole Tower at Hudgins/MVRS: Jeff

The tower is equipped and operational. Antennae are still being adjusted. When it goes to marketing, it will be live. Verizon is promoting 5G service to the home. More fiber back haul is needed for 5G but less distance between towers.

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Monopole Tower at Bohannon/MVFD:

Still under construction. Expect to be live by the first of the year.

T-Mobile: Jeff

Sent all lease documents and agreements to the T-Mobile attorneys. Paperwork is in process.

Budget: David

Judy had questioned the cost of the locksmith. Each tower has a lock from Verizon Wireless with codes for VZW locks.(\$646.00 Locksmith 6/30)?

Breaking News: Judy

A call from Rui Da Silva (VZW tower contractor) noted work for three projects. We know of Cobbs Creek and Gwynn's Island but what is the third? Beaverlett is under consideration for a tower. Cobbs Creek will come before the Planning and Zoning tonight. Judy will be there to speak

in favor. Tyler is looking at county property for possibilities both in Beaverlett and in New Point which Rui also mentioned for a future site.

Plan Document: Tyler will report next meeting

Capacity Grant: Tyler

Our three projects are on hold for now. We are still waiting for NTIA decisions. We are interested in finding funding to carry them on - local grants, Go Virginia, other possibilities. Judy wants to pursue the tiny home smart layer project. Adam has also asked about that.

NEW BUSINESS:

RIVERSTREET: Judy, Tyler

Judy first heard of them at 3:30 August 6 from Sherry Hamilton, Gazette Journal reporter. Judy contacted Dr. Tamarah Holmes, DHCD head of broadband, that night by email and heard from her the next morning to talk about what had happened. When told that Mathews had heard nothing of them or from them, she assured Judy that they had been advised to contact the counties they were awarded. Judy is adamant that they cannot do the job for the cost proposed.

Tyler: DHCD has properly vetted these companies before awarding the BEAD funding. Our share has shrunk over time. Tyler showed a map of fiber provided proposal. They may want to use Verizon middle mile into the county. Tyler thinks that they are trying to cover Mathews, going the extra mile, connecting the county. They must have a higher contribution from investors. (Similar to AllPoints?) Lots of private investors with a lot of money are backing these fiber builds with a 50 year stretch. Robert Taylor is president of Virginia Telecommunication Industry Council. . DHCD tried to get us as much fiber as possible instead of satellite.

Judy: We have still never heard from RiverStreet. Dr. Holmes and Chandler Vaughn have urged them again and again to contact us. They do not. They contact Chandler and copy us.

David: What kind of cost for service? Willie noted absolutely no answers from RiverStreet.

Calendar: Need to move our meeting to November 18 because of Veteran's Day.

Website: Page noted updates with minutes and photos. He asked for maps from Tyler.

Meeting Adjourned 10:04 am

*Respectfully submitted,
Judy Rowe*