



WSU EXTENSION  
Okanogan County

**Meeting Minutes  
OKANOGAN COUNTY & CCT  
BROADBAND ACTION TEAM MEETING  
May 25, 2023  
2-3 pm**

**Meeting started: 2:02 PM**

**Introductions: Attendees by Zoom/call in:**

Kayla Wells-Yoakum (OK CO WSU Ext.), John McDonald (PUD), Maria Converse (MethowNet), Chris St. Germaine (Zipty Fiber), Hanna Kliegman (Community Member) Brandi Schwerdtfeger (ACRS), Joanna Bastian (MethowNet), Claire Ward (NOANET), Michael Porter (OMSD), Nick Guy (WSU), Rachel McClure (Gov. Newhouse Office), Lisa Romine (SkillsSource), Sheila Corson (PUD), Nick Pappin (WSU), Ernie Rasmussen (Bigfoot Communications), Gerardo Perez-Guerrero /Community Health Plan of WA), Scott Graham (CEO 3 Rivers Hospital).

April meeting minutes approved.

**Kayla Wells Yoakum (OK CO WSU Ext.)** Introduced Clair Ward with NOANET, who went over the Broadband & Digital Equity map layers.

**Brainstormed Ideas for Updates to Okanogan County NoaNet**

- Only one BAT- Ok Co CCT BAT (Methow Valley BAT combined with Ok Co CCT BAT)
- Identification of K20 Network/Backbone
- National Forest Boundary
- State and Federal Agency Land
- State and National Parks
- Community Centers and Senior Centers
- Anything from surveys need mapping?
- Private Cable Companies
- Nick Pappin- Provider Data for Ok Co (hold him accountable!).
- Nick Pappin- Volunteered to work with Ok Co GIS person!
- Nick Pappin- BDC Data (red/clear map) for Ok Co and Colville Reservation.
- FCC HEX Data- To help identify project areas throughout the county.

**John McDonald (PUD) and Ernie Rasmussen (Bigfoot Communications)-** Would like to bring other partners to the table to discuss in partnership certain areas for grant applications.

**Joanna Bastian (MethowNet)** Shared with us that MethowNet and OCEC received grant funding. John spoke on the need for support from the Carlton area to receive funding for the USDA Community Connect grant because community support is 40% of the scoring.

Meeting Ended 3:14 pm.

Next meeting on June 22 at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kellie Conn, WSU Okanogan County Extension.