

Asotin County Broadband Action Team
May 18, 2022, 2pm Meeting Agenda

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87604918466?pwd=WVJ3Zi94QzUydzZlL1RXUjNGSkEyUT09>
Meeting ID: 876 0491 8466
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2:00 Introductions – Jennifer/ACL, Wanda, Port of Clarkston, Scott Thompson, Joe Higgins, Gail Long/TDS, Debbie Baker/Valley Vision, Sarah Reaves/TSMH, Joe Savoy/First Step Internet, Brian Shinn/AC Commissioner

2:07pm Meeting started. She left a message with someone from Broadband

2:05 Broadband Office update/Questions

2:20 BAT Web Page

JOE: Domain name purchased, asotincountybat.org – filler for now - looking for content

JENNIFER: Has sent content and Wanda has content too

WANDA: Question about maps, wants visuals and Joe agrees. Also, question about feedback from residents. Joe thinks that's possible – adding a survey.

Wanda talked about next round of grants – some disappointed that a BAT component isn't required. Wanda wants this group to continue their dialogue.

Gail understands the background to be some conflict of interest from different BAT teams and that's her understanding why they removed that requirement.

Gail thinks we should include linked internet service providers in the area.

Jennifer mentions Joe's comment about social media – what does team think about social media? What we need or whether we need social media? Wanda thinks her Port projects could benefit from social media use – value of information to be shared, but constituents is small. Wanda is thinking straight, direct mail to households affected. Sarah Reaves – maybe not our own specific page, but calls to action through the library's page and our contacts. Library's Digital Navigator could make graphics and then send to all BAT to then share on their pages.

2:35 Port Projects Update

Bid opening on Monday, May 23 at 12pm – NW Clarkston HTS area.

Other projects in the works – Census Tract 9604

I'm not following Wanda's project updates – sorry.

Everything is progressing and she's fighting fire. She's retiring December 2022.

Holiday Inn // 5 – 6:30pm // Pool of candidates for Wanda's position

2:40 Digital Navigator grant update

Jennifer feels good about grant stuff. Waiting to find out about more money about grant (ConnectWA). Basically Jennifer wants to double the 6 month grant and more money for advertising

Erin talked about DN services at Asotin County Library including Walla Walla Community College, classes and community connections.

Gail had a question about location for DNs and mentioned someone (likely Gregory) reached out to her and she spaced it until this meeting.

Gail could put something in their blog about these DN services – get in touch with her.

Brian Shinn knows someone Lynn (something) that he invited to this meeting because he was complaining about lack of broadband access. Jennifer will try to get ahold of him and invite him to the library to join these meetings if he'd like to voice concerns.

2:45 Questions/Discussion

Ended 2:36pm