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Broadband Advisory Council

Regular Meeting

May 11, 2011

**TIME AND PLACE:** The Broadband Advisory Council meeting was called to order at 11:20 AM, on May 11, 2011 in room B at the VCOM II event center in Blacksburg, VA.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Delegate Kathy Byron, Chairperson

Heather Gold, Vice Chairperson

Delegate Joe May

Bryan David

Laura Lee

Duront Walton

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Delegate Clarence Phillips

Senator Phillip Puckett

Secretary Jim Duffey

Secretary Jim Cheng

Ray LaMura

**STAFF PRESENT:** Karen Jackson

Caroline Stolle

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Robert Oblinsky (VITA), Kenny Brevard (VITA), Liz Povar (VEDP), Seth Peery (Virginia Tech), Peter Sforza (Virginia Tech), Jean Plymale (Virginia Tech), Brenda van Gelder (Virginia Tech), Terry Hargrove (representing Ray LaMura), Kirby Farrell (Broad Axe Technology Partners), Dennis Reece (Citizens Telephone Coop)

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:** With six members of the council present, a quorum was established.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 11:20 AM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The council reviewed the December 10th meeting minutes. Delegate May motioned to approve the minutes, Duront Walton seconded, all agreed.

**VEDP PRESENTATION:** Liz Povar presented on VEDP’s use of broadband in economic development. For a copy of the presentation please contact [caroline.stolle@cit.org](mailto:caroline.stolle@cit.org).

**VITA PRESENTATION:** Bob Oblinsky presented on the soon-to-be-released Virginia Broadband Availability map. For a copy of the presentation please contact [caroline.stolle@cit.org](mailto:caroline.stolle@cit.org).

**VIRGINIA TECH PRESENTATION:** Peter Sforza and Seth Peery presented on Virginia Tech’s involvement in the Virginia Broadband Availability map. For a copy of the presentation please contact [caroline.stolle@cit.org](mailto:caroline.stolle@cit.org).

**TELEWORK CENTERS DISCUSSION:** Karen Jackson updated the council on the status of Virginia telework centers.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be planned for late summer. Delegate May requested another telework center update at the next meeting. Heather Gold requested a presentation on Franklin County’s process of getting connected. Delegate May requested that a presentation be made for jurisdictions outlying possibilities for getting connected.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.