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Broadband Advisory Council

Regular Meeting

August 15, 2018

**TIME AND PLACE:** The Broadband Advisory Council met on August 15, 2018 at the National Sporting Library and Museum located at 102 The Plains Rd. Middleburg, VA.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Delegate Byron, Chair

 Senator Ruff, Vice Chair

 Senator Carrico

 Delegate Boysko

 Delegate Brewer
 Ray LaMura

 Duront Walton
 Rosemary Wilson

Secretary Ball

Bradley Copenhaver (representing Secretary Ring)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Chuck Kirby

 Jean Plymale

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:** With 10 members of the council present, a quorum was established.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** The Council voted to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2018 meeting.

**COMMONWEALTH BROADBAND CHIEF ADVISOR INTRODUCTION**:

Evan Feinman, Commonwealth Broadband Chief Advisor and Executive Director of Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission (TRRC), introduced himself and the Chief Broadband Advisor position to the council. Feinman said that the goal is to get broadband to all households within 10 years and that the plan is to deliver an interim report in January that will describe progress to date. Feinman said that the focus will be on the private sector for delivery but he also hopes to leverage state and federal funds.

**HB 1283 DISCUSSION:**

Delegate Dave LaRock, 33rd District, discussed his bill, HB 1283, with the Council. For a copy of this presentation, please contact Caroline Luxhoj (caroline.luxhoj@cit.org).

**DHCD VATI AND GO VIRGINIA GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE:**

Courtney Dozier, Deputy Broadband Advisor and Chief Deputy at DHCD, gave an update regarding DHCD’s VATI grant program as well as the GO Virginia program. For a copy of this presentation, please contact Caroline Luxhoj (caroline.luxhoj@cit.org).

**TOBACCO COMMISSION BROADBAND LAST MILE GRANT UPDATE**:

Evan Feinman, Commonwealth Broadband Chief Advisor and Executive Director of Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission (TRRC), gave an update regarding the Tobacco Commission’s Last Mile Grant. Feinman gave a brief history of the TRRC, explained that the Last Mile Grant Program primarily funds backbone and middle mile infrastructure but is focusing on last mile now, and said that the next round of grant funding will probably be in the winter. Feinman also gave a brief update on the CAF II auction.

**General comments**

Delegate Byron announced that CIT and NTIA will be cohosting a Broadband Summit in October in Roanoke.

Ray LaMura announced that Boutourt County will be hosting a Broadband Summit this fall.

Delegate Byron said that the next BAC meeting will be in Virginia Beach in October.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** NONE

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:49 PM