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IAMU Fall Forum October 24-25, 2022

Schedule

Monday, October 24, 2022	
3:30pm	Waverly Utilities Tour #1 1002 Adams Parkway Waverly, IA 50677
5:00pm	Member Meet Up Joe's Knight Hawk 1002 W Bremer Waverly Join us for social hour and dinner on your own!
Tuesday, October 25, 2022 Waverly City Hall – Waverly Room 200 1st St NE Waverly, IA 50677	
8:00am	Registration
8:30am	The Waverly Utilities Story <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jeff Magsamen• Darrel Wenzel <p>Waverly Utilities began construction of a municipal fiber network in 2015 – 15 years after voters authorized a municipal communications utility. The first customers were hooked up in 2016 and the customer base has grown steadily ever since. Waverly's move forward was the beginning of a renaissance of municipal broadband in Iowa, followed over the next several years by Indianola, Vinton, New Hampton, Pella, and Fort Dodge. During this session, our hosts at Waverly Utilities will share their story and offer insights into the process.</p>
9:20am	Break
9:30am	Digital Inclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Todd Kielkopf, CBAN Treasurer and Project Manager• Jon Anne Willow, CBAN President and Project Data Manager <p>While many efforts to close the broadband access gap in Iowa through the Iowa Broadband Grant program and other efforts, another important element of the digital divide is digital equity. Digital equity is the gap between those who have affordable access, skills, and support to effectively engage online and those who</p>

	<p>do not. The goal of closing this gap is to create a condition of digital equity. Digital inclusion is the work needed to achieve digital equity.</p> <p>In this session, Todd Kielkopf and Jon Anne Willow with the Community Broadband Action Network (CBAN) will talk about a new effort to address digital equity in Iowa through the creation of a Digital Navigator program.</p>
10:20am	Break
10:30am	<p>10G PON and Beyond – Preparing for the Future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greg Luhman, Business Development Manager, ADTRAN • Joe Six, Calix (tentative) • Mircea Ciocan, U.S Rural Broadband Director and Fixed Networks Principal Network Architect, Nokia <p>The latest fiber access platforms from major manufacturers are preparing fiber broadband providers with a pathway to continue meeting consumer’s bandwidth needs for years to come. In this session, representatives from major FTTP platforms will talk about how each of them are approaching 10 Gig plus.</p>
11:20pm	Break
11:30am	<p>Smart Cities: Grids, Transportation, and Big Data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeff Gorrie, IAMU Energy Services <p>Equitable, high speed, reliable internet access is growing more and more important to leaders and communities. When a municipal internet utility is in the “start-up” phase, there is an opportunity to multiply the value of the system by leveraging broadband to make the city smarter. Join us during this session to discuss how municipal internet can provide additional value to the ratepayer by making the electric grid smarter, how broadband can inform transportation decisions, and how big data can help your city be more efficient and resilient.</p>
12:20pm	<p>Lunch and Speaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Spellmeyer, ACA Connects CEO
1:00pm	<p>Broadband Funding in Iowa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Knapp and Greg Loebe, FG • Jill Thornton and Renee Knoop, Consortia Consulting <p>Several rounds of funding have already taken place under the Iowa Broadband Grant Program, administered by the Iowa OCIO. And Iowa municipals have been active participants in NOFA 1-7. In this session we’ll talk about what’s next with the program and how the State of Iowa will implement its share of the \$42.5 billion Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program.</p>
2:00pm	<p>Tour 2 Group to Waverly Utilities 1002 Adams Parkway Waverly, IA 50677</p>