Governor’s Task Force on Broadband

Greysolon Ballroom—West Wing Lounge

231 East Superior Street, Duluth, MN

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Task Force members present: Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Bob Bass, Gary Evans, Matt Grose, Bernadine Joselyn, Danna MacKenzie, Tim Johnson (for Dan Richter), Andy Schriner (for Duane Ring), Dick Sjoberg, Bao Vang and Shirley Walz.

Task Force members absent: Maureen Ideker and Steve Lewsader

Others in attendance: Bill Hoffman, Diane Wells, Joanna Dornfeld, Dennis Ahlers, Ann Treacy, Ann Higgins, Peter Brickwedde, Mike Martin, Bill Coleman, Thomas Ferree, Charles Spann, John Walker, Greg Fetter, Diane Smith, Roger Skraba, Mary Blackford, Holly Wilson, Greg Flanagan, Fred Underwood, Marc Johnson, Jake Dahl, John Determan, Thomas Ardolf, Jim Martinson, Lori Edlund, Steve Howard, Bob Pranis, Pat Campanard, Kurt Lintelman, Linda Lintelman, Dave Peters, Pat Henderson, Janet Keough, Connie Ireland

1. Welcome/Introductions/Approve Meeting Minutes

Chair Margaret Anderson Kelliher welcomed everyone. Task Force members introduced themselves. Gary Evans moved approval of the minutes from the October 16, 2012 meeting and Bob Bass seconded. Minutes approved.

1. Public Comments

Marc Johnson, representing the Kanabec Broadband Initiative, described the work being done in Kanabec County to improve broadband access and responded to questions.

Janet Keough, representing the Cloquet Valley Initiative, explained the work that has been done over the last year and a half to obtain broadband service in the seven townships that make up the Cloquet Valley Initiative and responded to questions.

Jake Dahl, 18-year old from Biwabik, MN, described his work as an applications developer and need for broadband access. He also responded to questions from members of the Task Force.

Ann Higgins, League of Minnesota Cities, highlighted points in a letter sent to the Task Force jointly by the League of Minnesota Cities, Association of Minnesota Counties, Minnesota Association of Community Telecommunications Administrators and the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association.

Roger Skraba, mayor of Ely, MN, discussed the importance of broadband and redundancy to his community and responded to questions.

1. Presentation by Diane Smith, Mobile Futures

Ms. Smith’s presentation to the Task Force is available at: <http://mn.gov/commerce/topics/Broadband/Governors-Broadband-Task-Force.jsp>

1. Subgroup Breakout Time

The subgroups were provided with time to meet and discuss report content and work plans.

1. Discuss Outstanding Issues for December Report

The full Task Force discussed content for the December report.

 Motion by Gary Evans to adjourn. Second by Matt Grose. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:50.