MINUTES OF PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING SPECIAL MEETING (Broadband)

February 23, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. Via Video Conference Due to Pandemic

Chair Steve Hallan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present via electronic means were Chair Steve Hallan, Commissioner Josh Mohr, Commissioner Terry Lovgren, Commissioner J.J. Waldhalm, and Commissioner Matt Ludwig. Also present via electronic means were County Attorney Reese Frederickson and County Administrator David Minke.

Others present included State Senator Jason Rarick, State Representative Nathan Nelson, representatives from Senator Klobuchar's office, representative(s) from the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe and Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures, representatives from the Pine City, Hinckley-Finlayson, East Central, and Willow River school districts, Pine Technical and Community College, various city and township jurisdictions, business owners, and community members.

The pledge of allegiance was said.

Those present introduced themselves.

Chair Hallan welcomed the group.

Bill Coleman, Community Technology Advisory/Blandin Foundation presented broadband information, access and deployment models for the county.

County Administrator David Minke provided an overview of the *CBR Accelerate!* Program. The application is due Friday. Those who are interested should contact David.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Steve Hallan, Chair

Board of Commissioners

David J. Minke, Administrator

Clerk to County Board

Josh Mohr, Vice Chair