House Committee

COMMITTEE MINUTES for
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Date: **March 1, 2022**   Location: **RM 304**

Convened: **2:00 PM**

Adjourned: **2:35 PM**

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Representatives Lohse-CH, Sieck-VC, Williams-RM, Bacon, Bennett, Brink, Gobble, Hall, Hite, Jacoby, Latham, Shipley, Smith, Sorensen, Steckman

Absent:

Excused:

Chairman Lohse called the Information Technology Committee to order at 2:00 PM.
Chairman Lohse dispensed with the roll.
The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.
Chairman Lohse introduced the meeting's presenter: Dr. Matthew Behrens, Interim Director, Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO).
Dr. Behrens provided an update on the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant Program; specifically on NOFA #006 and NOFA #007. Dr. Behrens discussed the number of applicants the NOFAs have recieved as well as the number of grants awarded. Dr. Behrens outlined how much money the grant awards entailed as well as the number of homes, schools, and businesses covered within the project areas. Dr. Behrens also discussed how the grant applications are scored and provided maps depicting the progress of broadband coverage in Iowa. Dr. Behrens provided an overview of next steps for the grant program.
Following the presentation, Legislators asked questions and there was discussion.
With no further business to come before the Information Technology Committee, Representative Williams moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:35 PM.

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Representative Brian K. Lohse

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Henry Widen, Committee Secretary