



Lancaster County Broadband Authority
Report to the Board of Supervisors
December 13, 2018

Since the last report on November 12, the Broadband Authority has approved a Corporate Seal and Logo (above) and approved By Laws. Complete minutes of the Authority's meetings are available, but this report will highlight several important items that are currently in process.

1. The Authority is now meeting twice per month and beginning in January will change its meeting schedule to the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 4:30 p.m. We will continue to meet here in the public meeting room. This change should allow for more public participation.
2. In November, the Authority obtained a CAMS number, which will allow us to apply for state and federal grants. We are preparing to submit an application in January for a Planning Grant from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. We are also on the agenda for the January meeting of the Economic Development Authority, where we will also be requesting funds. We expect to open a bank account later this month.
3. We continue to gather information concerning the possibility of including a conduit for future fiber in conjunction with the Dominion underwater construction project adjacent to the Norris Bridge. At this point, Dominion has stated firmly that there is not sufficient space in its easement to include a fiber conduit. If a conduit is to be installed, it will apparently have to be the subject of a separate permit and contract.
4. The Authority is moving ahead with its website. Meeting schedules, minutes and important documents will be available on the site.
5. We have scheduled our first informal briefing tomorrow to advise members of the Board on a course of action to respond to the proposed Atlantic Broadband contract. Other briefings will follow.