

## **E-Connectivity Listening Session: Impact of broadband and partnerships that foster connections**

Rice County Fairgrounds, 1814 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Faribault, MN 55021

June 19, 2018

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Brought to you by: Farm Foundation, CoBank, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association, the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation, and USDA

9:00 am: ***Welcome and Why We Are Here***

Remarks: Constance Cullman, Farm Foundation

9:15 am: ***E-Connectivity Needs in the Upper Midwest – Starting the Conversation***

Moderator: Constance Cullman

Panelists: Bill Esbeck, Executive Director, Wisconsin State Telecommunications Association  
Steve Fenske, Attorney & Gov't Relations, Minnesota Association of Townships

9:40 am: ***Open Mic***

Challenges, needs and goals

10:10 am: ***Connecting Rural Minnesota***

Moderator: Constance Cullman

Panelists: Danna MacKenzie, Executive Director, Minnesota Office of Broadband Development  
Kristi Westbrook, CEO/General Manager, Consolidated Telephone Company  
Brian Zelenak, General Manager, Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative

10:40 am: ***Open Mic***

Successes and lessons learned

11:10 am: ***Update from D.C.***

Remarks: Jannine Miller, Senior Advisor for Rural Infrastructure, USDA

11:30 am: ***Adjourn***