

**“Internet for All Benzie County” (IFA-BC)
Cherry Capital Connection, LLC (CCC)
March 2024**

RDOF, and BDC

The USAC / HUBB 2023 filing complete 28% of RDOF goals. Projects planned for 2024 will increase our RDOF completion to 45% to 50%. By the end of year 2024 we must be at 40%.

BDC 2023 filing completed.

The MIHI office has requested that CCC provide at the location level details on what and when CCC will complete our RDOF obligation. Completed.

Mercury Broadband and CCC discussion continue. Areas of common interest have been defined and a goal of meeting the second QTR of 2024 still pending.

ARPA Internet for all – Benzie County/ROBIN

- a. Construction along M-115 between US-31 and the City of Frankfort is on schedule. 20,000 feet ready for fiber jetting. Middle mile connection, REAC3MC, scheduled for end of March.
- b. CCC fiber distribution center located at Crystal Lake township waiting on power scheduled to be completed this week.
- c. Construction to Frankfort tower location anticipated to be complete by middle of May 2024.
- d. Meet point with REACH3MC for Inland township Fiber distribution center is schedule to be completed March.
- e. Pre-engineering field work for Homestead township begins end of March 2024.
- f. Pre-engineering completed surveying roads in Crystal Lake and Benzonia townships.
- g. BCRC permits will be filed middle of April.
- h. **Open access**
 - a. Test platform established.
 - b. Training continues.
 - c. Production and customer portal access anticipated for April 15, 2024
- i. Post Cards have been sent. This was the second mailing. Door to door efforts will continue through 2024. Response positive. Goal for 2024 is 600 to 700 new connections by end of 2024.
- j. FCC has announced December 26, 2024, Urban Rate Survey. New pricing is being published.
- k. ACP funding will run out by June 2024. No news on how this will affect ROBIN.

BEADS

Continued effort working on challenges. Benzie County, Mitch, and CCC are reviewing publicly available data with the goal of producing a map that would outline potential areas for the BEADS application. It is anticipated that once the MIHI office has defined locations they will publish their results.

Other projects

CCC provided a strategic fiber plan to the City of Frankfort DDA.

Unserved and underserved areas of Gilmore, Blaine, and Lake townships should be evaluated after BEADS data has been released.

Third part financial audit scheduled for March.

Human Resources

Justin has been promoted to the CTO position and will focus on community outreach development.

Levi Schrepfer COO has started and making an immediate positive impact.

Interviewing a third prime construction group to increase footage per month.

Kind Regards - Tim Maylone - CEO and Managing Member, Cherry Capital Connection, LLC