

Open Meetings Notice

The teleconference meeting of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Rural Prosperity will be held on Friday, May 28, 2021. The items to be discussed are included below.

Agenda

Blue Ribbon Commission on Rural Prosperity

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Phone: 608-210-6800

Conference ID: 390 923 251#

Friday, May 28, 2021

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

- I. Welcome- Secretary and CEO Missy Hughes**
- II. Introductions** – Marcy West, Director for the Office of Rural Prosperity
- III. Justin Maxon**, Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development, USDA
Remarks on Federal level initiatives for rural communities and how they correspond to Wisconsin's efforts.
- IV. Update from the Office of Rural Prosperity (ORP)**
 - a. Connecting the Dots: *Rural Voices for Prosperity* and FY22-23 Budget Priorities – Secretary Hughes
 - b. Pilot Projects - Danielle Jones, Director of Rural Initiatives and Lew Blank, Intern
 - c. Forest Products Industry Diversification Listening Sessions – Kietra Olson, Rural Initiatives Manager
 - d. Development of online resource hub for rural communities and residents; website & outreach
 - e. Economic Development Administration (EDA) Grant - Rebuilding Vibrancy after a Major Pandemic (REVAMP)
- V. Next Steps - Discussion**
- VI. Closing - Sam Ridders, Deputy Secretary/COO WEDC**