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## Agenda

- Welcome
  - Why we became a Blandin Broadband Community
  - Warroad Community Leaders
- The Intelligent Community Framework
  - Bill Coleman, Blandin Foundation
  - Matthew Sauser, LFMN Fellow-Warroad
- Community Discussions
  - By Intelligent Community Element
- Group Reporting
  - Assets and Gaps
  - Desired Outcomes
- Next Steps
- Adjourn

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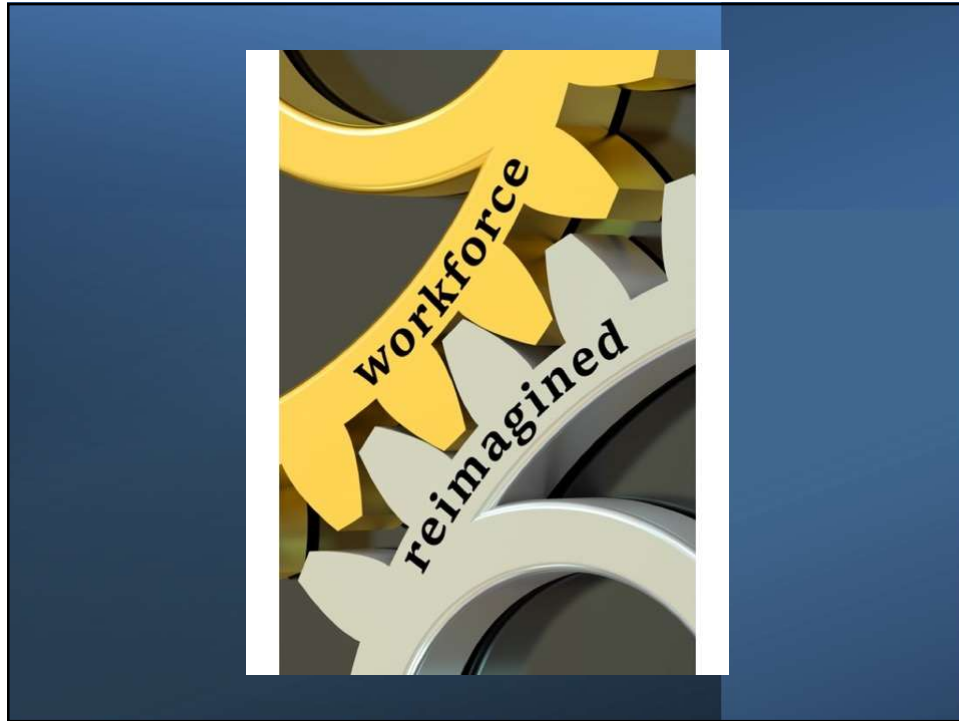
## Broadband Discussion

- How is your broadband?
  - In the cities and towns
  - In the rural countryside
  - For schools, governments and health care
  - For business
  - Via cellular
- Where is Wi-Fi available?
- Who are the key players in this discussion?

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**OUR BROADBAND STORY**

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## Knowledge Workforce Discussion

- How would you describe your local workforce?
- What are the strengths?
- What are the shortcomings?
- What assets do you have for improving workforce skills and availability?
- Who are the key players in this discussion?

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# OUR WORKFORCE STORY

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The illustration depicts a digital network of people. Numerous circular icons representing diverse individuals are connected by dashed lines. In the foreground, a large laptop screen displays the text "WORLD CONNECTION" and a data table. A person stands next to the laptop, pointing at the screen. To the right, a person is seated on a red beanbag chair using a laptop. Another person stands nearby holding a tablet. The background is a light blue grid pattern.

Include | **Digital equality means computers, skills, and access for all!**

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## Digital Equity Discussion

- Who in the community is being left behind on technology?
- What are the biggest challenges?
  - Internet connectivity
  - Computers and devices
  - Skills
- How can the responses made during the pandemic be carried forward?

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**OUR DIGITAL EQUITY STORY**

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# Innovation

Innovation refers to doing new things and doing old things in new and better ways

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## Innovation Discussion

- Which people or organizations in the community are doing great things with technology?
- Which sectors/organizations are falling behind?
- What are we doing to support entrepreneurs?
- How does our community handle change?

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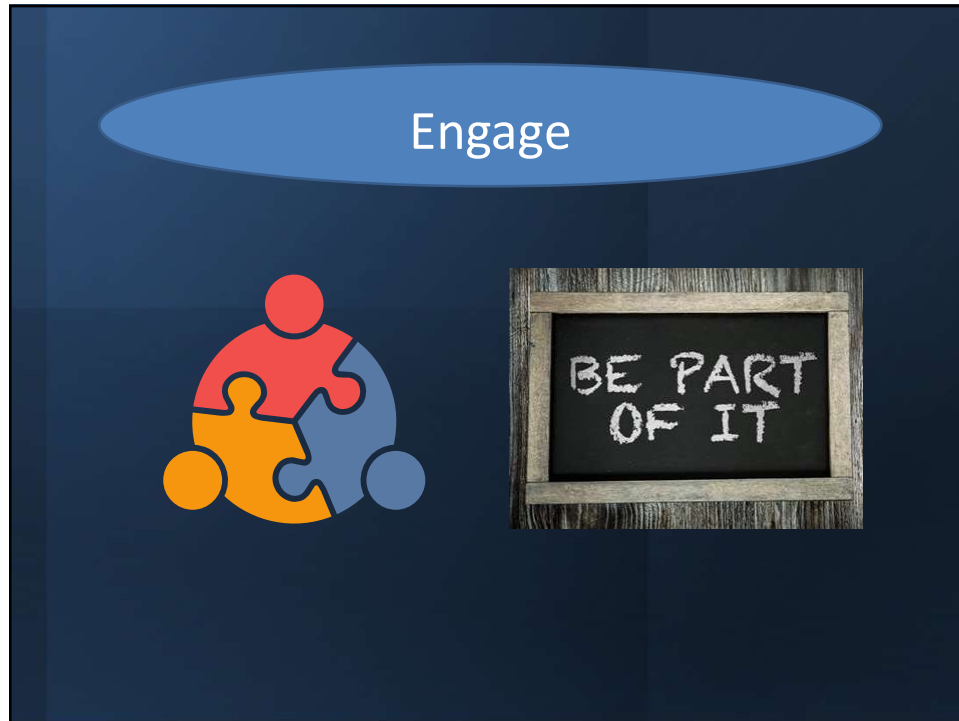
## Sustainability Discussion

- Has the community had conversations about sustainability as an important goal?
- Which local organizations have included sustainability in their operating practices, including ongoing measurement of energy use, carbon footprint or waste reduction?

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**OUR SUSTAINABILITY STORY**

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## Community Engagement Questions

- How do local organizations communicate with community members? Is this a two-way discussion? How is technology used?
- What are the messages, and through which means are they transmitted, is the community sending out to the world to attract people and investment?

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## **OUR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STORY**

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### **Small Group Discussion**

- What are our strengths in this area?
- Where are our gaps in this area?
- What could we hope to accomplish in the next 18 months (our desired outcomes) that would really make a positive difference in our community?

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## Discussion Group Reporting

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## Next Steps

- Brainstorm Meeting
- Project voting and volunteering
- Project development and budgeting
- Blandin grant application
- Implementation

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Adjourn