



Nebraska Capital Projects Fund

Company: Skywave Wireless, Inc.

Project: Cuming County Area 2

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## Ryan Kuester

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**From:** Craig Schmaderer  
**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2023 10:37 AM  
**To:** Ryan Kuester  
**Subject:** FW: Letter Supporting Grant Application

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**From:** Randy Wattermann <wattermann@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2023 10:28 AM  
**To:** Craig Schmaderer <craig@skywaveconnect.com>  
**Subject:** Letter Supporting Grant Application

Craig, I understand that Skywave is applying for a grant enabling Skywave to run fiber-optic cable into rural Cuming County.

This would be a phenomenal benefit to us personally, our business, and our area!

As a 20+ year Skywave "charter member," your services have literally been a lifeline out here.

I have lived in rural Cuming County for 25 years as of this week! I have been a "work-from-home" veteran for over 27 years. High-speed, reliable internet access has been a significant factor in continuing my employment and expanding my entrepreneurial side businesses, growing and marketing free-range turkeys, and manufacturing organic poultry feed.

Access to more dependable, higher-capacity fiber-optic service would enable me to continue my current employment and small business and provide the needed framework for expanding various lines of my business.

I wholeheartedly support utilizing some of our tax dollars to fund a project that can provide a 21st-century infrastructure dividend, much like REA did a century ago!

Sincerely,  
Randy Wattermann  
Wattermann Family Enterprises, Inc.  
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**From:** Dustin F <dfeyerherm@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2023 10:26 AM  
**To:** Ryan Kuester  
**Subject:** Internet Letter

This letter comes to you from northeast West Point Nebraska. As the manager of a feedlot and farming operation, technology plays a big part of our day to day operation. With that being said, a faster internet or fiber optic would make the day run smoother. Not only will this help the operation, but it also will help the 4 households that depend on an internet for school work, steaming movies, etc. Thank you.

Dustin Feyerherm  
manager, Feyerherm Farms and Cattle Co.



February 23, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

Cuming County Economic Development is an organization that promotes the economic vitality of Cuming County. The county is very progressive and has launched many projects in the past few years. Economic development barriers such as limited broadband connections exist in rural Cuming County. Everyone is aware of today's broadband capabilities and needs for businesses and individuals.

Realizing the needs of businesses and individuals concerning broadband is a priority for economic development in Cuming County. The farther out from the municipalities that fiber can reach the greater the possibilities for growth economically outside and inside of the municipalities. The benefits with fiber to the outer areas of the county are numerous including: the remote worker, businesses that need more space, farmers and ranchers using technology to be more efficient to name a few.

Cuming County Economic Development and the Cuming County Supervisors completely support Skywave's application for a grant to expand fiber to areas outside of the municipalities in Cuming County. Skywave is a local entity that has continued to grow in Cuming County creating jobs and incomes for others. Skywave employees are also involved in many community activities.

If you have any questions about our organization or our support for the Skywave project, feel free to contact me through email or a phone call.

Sincerely,

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