



Nebraska Capital Projects Fund

Company: Skywave Wireless, Inc.

Project: Cuming County Area 3

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From: Craig Schmaderer
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 9:28 AM
To: Ryan Kuester
Subject: FW: Fiber Internet at our Feedyard Locations

From: Nick Strehle <nicks@ritterfeedyards.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 5:32 PM
To: Craig Schmaderer <craig@skywaveconnect.com>
Subject: Fiber Internet at our Feedyard Locations

Craig,

It would be very beneficial to our operations if we had faster more reliable internet at our feedyard locations. I would be in support of fiber internet at our West Point Custom Feeders location at 1977 D Rd, West Point, and our Ritter Feedyards – South location at 1037 F Rd, West Point.

As you know technology is a huge part of increasing efficiency in our operations. We currently have servers at each of our feedyard locations that we log onto from our main office in Beemer. These servers hold all of our data for all feeding and billing operations for all of our cattle and feed. Millions of dollars worth of cattle and feed are managed using the internet from our main office to our feedyard locations. Having a faster more reliable internet connection would benefit us in a huge way.

Thanks for asking!

Nick Strehle



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From: Craig Schmaderer
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 11:18 AM
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From: office@diamond6.com <office@diamond6.com>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 11:14 AM
To: Craig Schmaderer <craig@skywaveconnect.com>
Subject: support for fiber grants

We here at Diamond 6 Feeders, highly support Skywave Wireless to be a recipient of any state grants to improve internet service to our rural area by adding fiber or other improvements. We are 100% dependent on our internet service in all phases of our operation, from feeding our 10,000 head of cattle correct rations, adding the micro ingredients, maintaining precise records for nutrient management and state compliance records for our commercial feedyard. Our HiPlains software for all billing and record keeping is totally dependent on our internet service. Please include Skywave Wireless as a recipient of any state grants available so we can continue as a productive entity here in our great state of NEBRASKA. Roxanne Schmaderer, bookkeeper at Diamond 6 Feeders



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,

David Branch, Director

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