

Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.
Fillmore County 2
Attachment M – Letters of Support

Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc. has signed letters of support from stakeholders within the Fillmore County 2 project area showing their support for approval of Glenwood Telecommunications' grant application for Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program funding.

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RE: Broadband Bridge Program

June 1, 2023

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to encourage you to approve the request made by Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc. for funding under the Governor's LB1144 Broadband Bridge Program throughout much of rural Fillmore County. All of Fillmore County lies in the 32nd Legislative District, which I have the privilege of serving

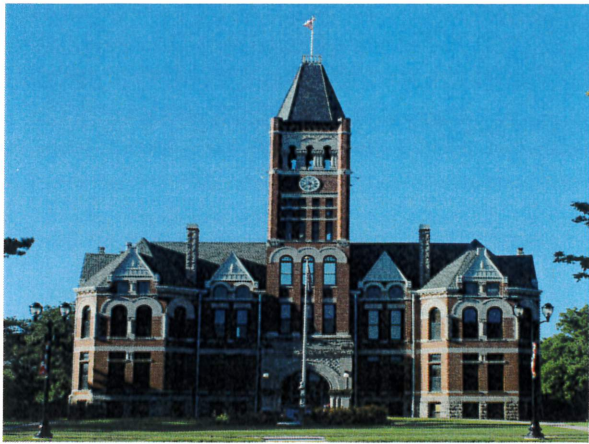
During my first term in office, I have been a strong proponent of facilitating public-private partnerships. I understand that Glenwood is actively working with Fillmore County "to determine how to expeditiously deploy broadband infrastructure to best serve the needs of all locations in the Project footprint." That's roughly 55 rural Nebraskans who don't have broadband today. Glenwood's track record when it comes to serving all locations in its service territory is critical to my support for their application.

Not only have the public-private partners agreed to serve all locations, but they have agreed to cooperate to ensure that services will be affordable for all residents. What Glenwood has agreed to with Fillmore County is the type of collaboration we should be encouraging, and you can do so by approving Glenwood's application.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Brandt".

Senator Tom Brandt
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June 13, 2023

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To Whom it May Concern:

We are writing this letter of support for the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program funding being applied for by Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.

Over the last two and a half years, it has become very evident that there is a lack of sufficient and reliable internet in rural areas of Fillmore County as well as in all rural Nebraska. This became very relevant when the pandemic hit, and schools and businesses closed with students and parents at home trying to learn and conduct business. This became very evident that rural broadband needs to be improved while also enhancing the speed.

Like everywhere, access to sufficient and reliable internet is very essential for all school to continue quality education and businesses to continue their services as many rely on internet services for many daily functions. In County Government almost all services from issuing titles, renewing registrations, issuing marriage license, and paying the bills all require sufficient bandwidth and reliable internet connection.

We are hopeful and excited about the possibility of enhancing the broadband within rural Fillmore County with the Support of the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program. Your consideration of this project would enhance the internet within Fillmore County providing residents with reliable and sufficient broadband.

Sincerely,

Fillmore County Board of Supervisors

Wade Sluka, Chairman

Ralph Graham, Vice Chairman

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June 22, 2023

RE: Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program, Round 3

To Whom it May Concern:

The Southeast Nebraska Development District (SEND D) is pleased to extend its support to Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.'s Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program, Round 3 application for fiber optic broadband infrastructure deployment in Fillmore County.

SEND D regards public-private partnerships as the most effective model for rural broadband deployment. This application is no exception, and Glenwood has continued to engage the Fillmore County Commission to jointly develop and fund this project. The success of the first phase of deployment, funded through NBBP Round 1, is a strong endorsement of the continued efforts of both parties shown in this application.

This project will address a significant need for rural broadband access. Despite strong recent deployments, Fillmore County still has a notable connectivity gap: based on the latest FCC BDC data, nearly 20% of locations are unserved. This project will measurably increase that number by connecting 55 unserved locations, expanding Glenwood's successful public-private partnership in Fillmore County. Not only will this connectivity bring immediate benefit to residents and businesses in the area, but it will also set the stage for future economic growth, resident attraction, and sustainability for years to come. Glenwood's steadfast commitment to digital inclusion and equity through their participation in the Affordable Connectivity Program and comparably low monthly rates ensures all Fillmore County residents, and especially those unserved rural locations impacted by this project, will be able to afford quality broadband service.

Glenwood's continued engagement with the Fillmore County Commission and their commitment to deepening this public-private partnership sets a valuable precedent for continued efforts to connect rural Nebraskans to reliable, high-speed broadband. SEND D backs this project proposal with enthusiasm and urges the Public Service Commission to approve this application.

Sincerely,

Tom Bliss

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Bliss", is positioned above the printed name.

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