

Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.
Fillmore County Phase 2 Project
Attachment M_1-Letters of Support

Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc. has signed letter of support from members within the Fillmore County Phase 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 23, 2022

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 85 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 cursive script that reads "Tom Brandt".

Senator Tom Brandt



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June 23, 2022

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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 year and a half, it has become very evident that there is a lack of sufficient and reliable internet in rural Fillmore County as well in all rural Nebraska. With many schools and businesses shut down due to the pandemic it became very evident that rural broadband needs to be improved while also enhancing the speed. Our everyday tasks and job functions depend heavily on reliable broadband connectivity.

Like everywhere, access to sufficient and reliable internet is very essential for all schools 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 require sufficient bandwidth and reliable internet connectivity.

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



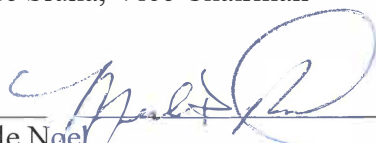
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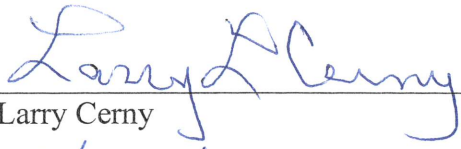
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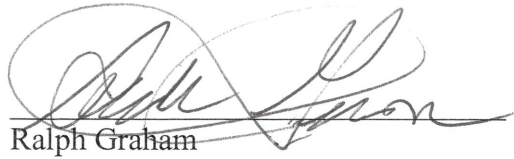
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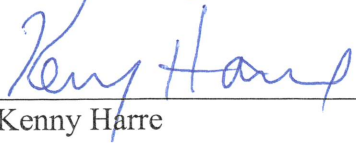
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RE: Broadband Bridge Program Grant

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter requesting support of the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program being applied for by Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc. on behalf of Fillmore County.

In 2020, my kids were sent home without notice and were expected to attend school via zoom until the following May. I will say that most of the time, it worked having them attend school via zoom, but there were several times when they would have very low connectivity or would completely lose internet for a period of time. I recently tested our internet speed with results of 13.75 Mb/s for download and 9.10 Mb/s for upload which is way below the recommended level. Due to the new way of technology these funds would help rural broadband throughout the County.

As the kids are back in school it is still very evident that there is a need to enhance the internet service in the rural areas to provide the kids with a quality education. Teachers and students are using computers everyday whether it be in the classroom or from home. A majority of teachers require students to complete their homework online versus printing out paper to submit. There are several websites that are used for educational development, enhancing skills, and testing.

Please consider Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc. application for the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program as they are committed to the development and enhancement of sufficient, reliable, and robust broadband internet within rural Fillmore County.

Sincerely,


Amy Nelson