

**Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.**  
**Holdrege Airport Area**  
**Attachment M – Letters of Support**

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

# Nebraska State Legislature

**SENATOR DAVE MURMAN**

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**RE: Broadband Bridge Program**

Nebraska Public Service Commission

1200 N Street, Suite 300

P.O. Box 94927

Lincoln, NE 68508

June 12, 2023

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to ask you to approve the grant application made by the Phelps County Board of Commissioners and Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc. for funding under the Broadband Bridge Program. Approval of this request would be a major benefit to my constituents. This project will serve the needs of Phelps County, a portion of which I represent as a state Senator. Both applicants have proven records of serving the needs of rural Nebraskans.

Projects like these are critical to ensuring that the constituents of District 38 have access to high-speed fiber optic internet. In a world increasingly relying upon internet, the sustainability for rural areas will be incumbent upon having these services to access education, health care, and other essential needs.

I ask you to approve this grant, and thank you for your dedicated service to the State of Nebraska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Murman".

Senator Dave Murman



## PHELPS COUNTY

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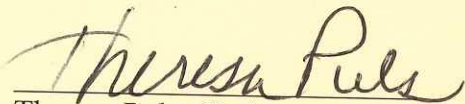
RE: Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program (NBBP)

To Whom it May Concern,

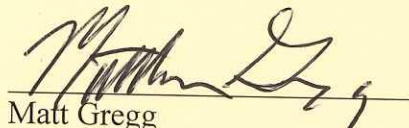
The Phelps County Commissioners are in full support of the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program grant application being submitted to the Public Service Commission by Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.


Currently we feel there is a lack of infrastructure and availability of reliable high-speed internet capabilities in rural Phelps County. A fiber network would afford both the residents and businesses of rural Phelps the opportunities to work and learn from home as well as grow the local economy.

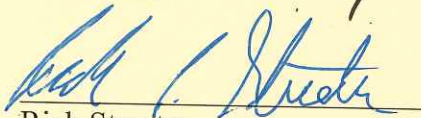
We are hopeful and excited about the possibility of enhancing the broadband within rural Phelps County with the support of the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program. Your consideration of this project would enhance the internet within Phelps County providing residents with reliable and sufficient broadband.


  
Theresa Puls, Chairman

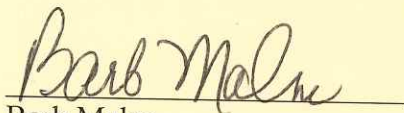
  
Dennis Ostgren

  
Matt Gregg

  
Russell Cruise

  
Rick Streeter

  
Tom Nutt

  
Barb Malm



June 12, 2023

REF: Support for Glenwood Telecommunications Fiber Optic Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern:

Access to broadband is equivalent to the emergence of rural electrical transmission grids more than a century ago. For rural Nebraska, this kind of investment could be transformational resulting in population stabilization, and growth.

Reliance on technology in smaller communities and rural areas is growing exponentially, especially in production agriculture where automated systems are quickly becoming the norm. Beyond that, established businesses in Phelps County require cutting edge connectivity to global markets.

PCDC has a long, productive relationship with Glenwood Telecommunications, whom we support and recommend receiving funding through the Nebraska Broadband Bridge program. The company serves rural customers throughout central and southern Nebraska.

With deployment of broadband more densely in this region, businesses and individuals will be better able to compete globally, and more families may choose to relocate here to enjoy our high quality of life.

We applaud the prioritization of broadband investment in rural Nebraska and support Glenwood's application to receive funding from the program.

Sincerely,

Ron Tillery  
Executive Director

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June 15, 2023

Cullen Robbins  
Director – NUSF Telecommunications  
Nebraska Public Service Commission  
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Dear Cullen,

It is our pleasure to write a letter of support in Glenwood Communications efforts to obtain the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program (NBBP). We continue to work closely with Glenwood to discuss and fully examine the options for broadband fiber development for rural residents of Phelps County. Their commissioners have actively participated in SCEDD and Nebraska Regional Officials' Council (NROC) hosted events to educate and empower local leaders on broadband build-out opportunities. Phelps County commissioners have demonstrated their awareness of the need and commitment to expand broadband service to rural residents.

Glenwood is a well-known and established service provider within the SCEDD region. They have funded the expansion of broadband capabilities to many rural areas. We are confident that their organization has the best interest of the residents of Phelps County in mind with their efforts to extend their service area.

This NBBP grant application will impact the underserved rural residents of Phelps County in the proposed project service area near the airport. Broadband infrastructure improvements to this rural area will promote economic development in the areas of housing, precision agriculture, and business as well as improve quality of life. We are excited to see the Phelps County rural residents served with this vital funding from the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sharon Hueftle".

Sharon Hueftle  
Executive Director