

**Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.**

**Nora**

**Attachment M\_2 – Letters of Support**

Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc. has secured letters of support from State and Community Leaders within the Nora project area, affirming their endorsement for the approval of Glenwood's grant application for Capital Projects Funds-2.

# Nebraska State Legislature

**SENATOR DAVE MURMAN**

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Nebraska Public Service Commission  
1200 N Street, Suite 300  
PO Box 94927  
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Capital Projects Fund-2

January 10, 2024

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to ask you to approve the grant application made by Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc. for funding under the Capital Projects Funds Program. Approval of this request would be a major benefit to my constituents. This proposed project will serve the needs of the Village of Nora, along with the surrounding Nuckolls County area; a portion of which I represent as a State Senator. Glenwood has a proven record serving the broadband needs of rural Nebraskans.

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dave Murman".

Senator Dave Murman

Nebraska Public Service Commission  
1200 N Street #300  
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Capital Projects Fund (CPF-2)

Dear Commissioners,

We are writing on behalf of the Nora Village Council to express our full endorsement of the Capital Projects Fund grant application being submitted by Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc. to the Public Service Commission.

Presently, the Village of Nora and the surrounding rural area face a critical deficit in infrastructure, particularly in the availability of reliable high-speed internet capabilities. The absence of a robust broadband network hinders both residents/farmsteads in our rural community from fully participating in remote work and educational opportunities, thereby limiting the potential for economic growth.

Our optimism about the prospective improvement in broadband connectivity within Nora and the rural Nuckolls County area is sustained by the potential support from the Capital Projects Fund. We are enthusiastic about the positive impact this initiative could have on our community.

Respectfully,

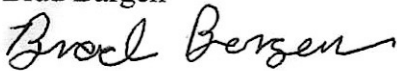
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January 11, 2024

Cullen Robbins  
Director – NUSF Telecommunications  
Nebraska Public Service Commission  
1200 N St., 300 The Atrium  
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Cullen,

South Central Economic Development District, Inc. (SCEDD) fully supports the Glenwood Communications application for the Capital Projects Fund-2 (CPF) for the Nora rural area of Nuckolls County to serve 51 locations. We continue to work closely with Glenwood and other providers to examine areas in our 13-county region for potential projects to deploy broadband fiber development, prioritizing the *unserved* rural residents. Through our research into available broadband service, we confer these residents would benefit greatly from a provider offering quality reliable fiber internet service that far exceeds their current level of available service, further improving their quality of life.

Glenwood is a well-known and established service provider within the SCEDD region that continues to meet promised expectations for delivery of high speed internet with a solid record for past performance. They have funded expansion of broadband capabilities to many rural areas. We are confident their organization has the best interests of the rural residents of the Nora area in mind with this effort to extend their service area. Glenwood's match contribution is a testament to their business plan to continue investing in local communities for the long-term, while prioritizing broadband fiber access as the gold standard to service areas.

The customer monthly rates Glenwood offers are well within the established CPF-2 affordable guidelines, while still providing the 100 Mbps/100Mbps or greater broadband internet service to their current service areas. Additionally, Glenwood is a participant in the FCC's Affordability Connectivity Program for the monthly discount to qualified households, further demonstrating their commitment to providing quality internet services to all.

SCEDD is confident this CPF-2 grant application serves these unserved rural residents well of Nuckolls County in the proposed project service area. Broadband infrastructure improvements to this rural area will promote economic development in the areas of housing, agriculture, and business. We are excited to see the Nora rural residents served with this vital funding from the Public Service Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sharon Hueftle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Sharon Hueftle  
Executive Director