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

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

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June 8th, 2023

RE: Letter of Support for Glenwood Telecommunications, Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program Grant

To Whom It May Concern:

As the State Senator for District 24 and York County, I write to support Glenwood Telecommunications application for the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program Grant.

This project would increase much needed access to fiber-optic services to rural York County. Innovation and growth of our rural communities require reliable internet access, not only to support our small businesses, but to encourage and assist families in the rural areas of our state.

Thank you for your consideration and I would appreciate your support for this project.

Sincerely,

Senator Jana Hughes

District #24



YORK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Randy Obermier, Chairman 510 N. Lincoln Ave. York Ne. 68467 402-362-7759

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

RE: Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program (NBBP)

To Whom it May Concern,

The York County Board of 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 York County. A fiber network would afford both the residents and businesses of rural York 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 York County with the support of the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program. Your consideration and this project would enhance the internet within the rural by providing residents with reliable and sufficient broadband.

Respectfully,

Randy Obermier, Commissioner

Jack Sikes, Commissioner

Stan Boehr, Commissioner

Daniel Grotz, Commissioner

Elwood (Woody) Hiegler, Commissioner



June 22, 2023

RE: Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program, Round 3

To Whom it May Concern:

The Southeast Nebraska Development District (SENDD) 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 York County.

This project will address a significant need for rural broadband access: based on the latest FCC BDC data, nearly 25% of locations in York County are unserved. This project will measurably increase that number by connecting 53 unserved locations. 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 York County residents, and especially those unserved rural locations impacted by this project, will be able to afford quality broadband service.

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

Sincerely,

Tom Bliss

Executive Director