

# VILLAGE OF HERMAN, NEBRASKA

## RESOLUTION NO 2022-5

WHEREAS, The Nebraska Legislature passed legislation in 2021 creating the Broadband Bridge Act allocating \$20 million a year in broadband grants administered by the Nebraska Public Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, high-speed broadband access to the Internet is essential to the well-being of all residents and businesses in the Village of Herman, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Great Plains Communications has provided high-quality telecommunications and Internet services to the Village of Herman for many years; and

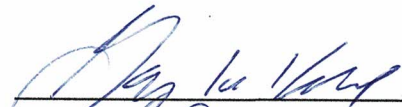

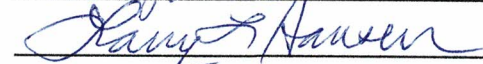

WHEREAS, Great Plains Communications and the Village of Herman have agreed that an application by Great Plains Communications for Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act Grant Program funding is essential to the public interest and welfare of residents and businesses in the Village of Herman; and;

WHEREAS, the Village of Herman meets the requirements and needs established by the Nebraska Legislature and Nebraska Public Service Commission to qualify as an eligible community for Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act Grant Program funding; and

WHEREAS, Great Plains Communications and its personnel have demonstrated they have the expertise and resources to construct and operate an all-fiber network in the timeframes required by the State, and to provide affordable and high-quality broadband and voice services to all citizens in the Village of Herman:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Herman strongly supports Great Plains Communications application for a Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act grant administered by the Nebraska Public Service Commission and urges the application be approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this resolution will be sent to the Nebraska Public Service Commission.

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Gary Kuhl, Chairman  
  
\_\_\_\_\_, Nancy Peters, Trustee  
  
\_\_\_\_\_, Larry Hansen, Trustee  
  
\_\_\_\_\_, Jason Christiansen, Trustee

  
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Attest:

Vicky Kellogg, Clerk



# TEKAMAH-HERMAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

PREPARING TO CONTRIBUTE TO A CHANGING WORLD

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

June 20, 2022

Re: Great Plains Communications Application for Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act Grant Program

On behalf of the students, families, faculty and staff of our school district, I write to endorse the application of Great Plains Communications for a Broadband Bridge Act grant to provide broadband services to the Village of Herman. As required, most residents in our community lack access to broadband at speeds of at least 100/20 Mbps, and approval of this grant will be critical to meeting the online learning needs of our students and their families.

Thank you for your consideration of our community for deployment of these essential services to Herman.

Sincerely,

Superintendent,  
Tekamah-Herman Schools



June 20, 2022

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

Re: Endorsement of Great Plains Communications Application

Public Service Commission:

On behalf of the businesses and residents of Herman, I write to endorse the application of Great Plains Communications for a grant from the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act Grant Program to construct and operate a fiber to the home network in Herman. Most residents and businesses in Herman lack access to broadband at speeds of 100/20 Mbps, which is particularly crucial as many people in our community need access to higher-quality Internet services. Completion of this project will also be vital to our community in attracting new businesses and to helping keep young people from moving elsewhere because of lack of competitive broadband services.

Thank you for your serious consideration of the Great Plains Communications application for the Village of Herman. I urge its adoption.

Sincerely,

Vicky Kellogg, President  
Herman Community Club