



June 24, 2022

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

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

Nebraska Public Service Commission:

On behalf of Wausa Medical Clinic and the area residents we serve, I write to endorse the application for a Nebraska Rural Broadband Bridge Act Grant being submitted by Great Plains Communications, a telecommunications partner in the Wausa community for many years.

The need for high-bandwidth broadband services to healthcare providers and the public has become of utmost importance during these challenging times dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic in order to provide telehealth services. Since a majority of the residents in the Village of Wausa currently lack access to Internet services at speeds of 100/20Mbps, approval of this grant is critical to bringing the highest-quality remote healthcare services to the public that our hospital serves.

I strongly support approval of Great Plains Communications' application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Heidi Haberer'.

Heidi Haberer
Clinic Manager

VILLAGE OF WAUSA

P.O. BOX 219

WAUSA, NEBR. 68786

June 23, 2022

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

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

The Village of Wausa strongly supports the Great Plains Communications
Broadband Bridge Act application and urges it to be approved. A resolution
supporting such application will be voted on at our next meeting and the
resolution will be forwarded to the Nebraska Public Service Commission.
Thank you for your consideration of the application.

Sincerely,



William J. Schumacher
Village Board Chairman
Village of Wausa

Wausa Development Corporation

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

June 21, 2022

Re: Endorsement of Great Plains Communications Application

Public Service Commission:

On behalf of the businesses and residents of Wausa, 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 Wausa. Most residents and businesses in Wausa 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 Wausa. I urge its adoption.

Sincerely,



Jordan Johnson
Chairman
Wausa Development Committee
jordan.johnson@wausabank.com

June 27, 2022

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

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

Nebraska Public Service Commission:

On behalf of the Nebraska Child Support Customer Service Call Center, operated by YoungWilliams, and the statewide clients that we serve, I write to endorse the application for a Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act Grant being submitted by Great Plains Communications. Great Plains has been a partner in the Wausa community for many years and a partner with our call center operation since it's inception over 20 years ago. Great Plains was instrumental in collaborating to bring the call center to the community of Wausa when it was introduced as an economic development initiative in 2001. Our center not only serves local customers, but customers from across the state. Our ability to serve our customers quickly and efficiently relies on internet speed and reliability since both our computers and softphones are supported by the internet.

Since a majority of the residents and businesses in Wausa currently lack access to internet services at speeds of 100/20Mbps, approval of this grant is critical to bringing the highest-quality remote services to the public that our center serves.

I strongly support approval of Great Plains Communications application.

Sincerely,



Lori Bengston, Project Manager
YoungWilliams Child Support Services
700 East Broadway
Wausa NE 68786

June 28, 2022

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

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

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I strongly support approval of Great Plains Communications application.

Sincerely,



Lori Bengston, Project Manager
YoungWilliams Child Support Services
700 East Broadway
Wausa NE 68786

WAUSA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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“Educating Today’s Students for Tomorrow’s Future”

Brad Hoelsing
Superintendent

Shane Anderson
5-12 Principal

Gregory Conn
Guidance/AD

Nancy Erickson
Business Manager

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

June 13, 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 Wausa. During the pandemic, when schools were forced to go online for their learning, we learned how woefully unprepared the community of Wausa was to go to an online learning format, simply due to the lack of broadband service in the community. This would help our students at home be better able to meet the academic requirements of our school system, as well as provide a better system of outreach to our parents living in this community.

As required (and as stated above), 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 Wausa.

Sincerely,



Brad Hoelsing
Superintendent
Wausa Public Schools