

VILLAGE OF PICKRELL

BOX 185

PICKRELL NE 68422

### Capital project grant


We would like to support Nextlink's application for fiber in Pickrell. After COVID-19, we experienced how necessary reliable internet service is to everyday life. Our residents need to be able to work from home, their kids need to be able to do remote learning, and all residents need to have access to online healthcare services. This isn't just a need for our current residents but a draw for future residents of our village. It is a huge economic growth tool for our community as well as the County. Nextlink has been great working partner with the county for rural broadband and this application shows their commitment to more.

In census tract speed testing that includes Pickrell, it has a median speed of 31.06/14.94 which is considered underserved. We understand that the speed test isn't a hard determinate factor but being that this is a far cry from 100/20, it shows the true need for our community. In today's world, the need for ubiquitous 100/100 service is essential. Our small rural village needs to have access to high-speed broadband for school, church, telehealth, work, and running their businesses.

Again, we support Nextlink's application to bring fiber into our community.

Approved by Pickrell Village board 2/20/23

Sincerely,



Ross Trauernicht

Village chairman