



# Craw-Kan

"Your Community Technology Partner"

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Notice of Annual Meeting  
Thursday, October 24, 2013

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## The Annual Meeting Edition

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### Annual Meeting!

#### Where:

Girard High School Cafeteria

#### When:

Oct. 24, 2013

#### Time:

7:00 PM, Registration starts  
at 5:30 PM

\* Refreshments and  
Entertainment will be provided

### Board of Directors

Mary Smith,  
*President*

Sharon Starr,  
*Vice-President*

Frank Dunnick,  
*Secretary-Treasurer*

Wilda Pentola,  
*Director*

John Kovacic,  
*Director*

Jim O'Toole,  
*Director*

Terry Kunstel,  
*Director*

Roger Doue,  
*Director*

Barry Bedene,  
*Director*

Craig Wilbert,  
*General Manager*

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## The Digital Home

Telecommunications technology is much like the weather here in the heart of America. Wait a few minutes and it will change. We are constantly bombarded with advertisements for the latest app or new mobile device. Here at Craw-Kan we have dedicated ourselves to the one constant in all of this confusion - Broadband. With the tremendous growth in the number of connected devices, the need for internet availability in every room in the home also increases.

Our service territory covers 2,250 square miles with a density of only 5.5 customers per square mile. Most of our customers are served by copper lines that were originally designed to provide only voice communications. While virtually all of our customers can access high speed DSL internet service, the available speed of that service will not meet future demands due to the long loop length of those copper lines. This is why we have continued to focus on the future of broadband by building out fiber to the home infrastructure throughout our serving area. It's a long term project that will prepare us for a future built around broadband-centered communications.

We hope to see you at the annual meeting.

Craig Wilbert  
General Manager



### 2013 Nominating Committee

In alphabetical order pictured with General Manager, Craig Wilbert

Pete Boyd, Sheldon Delange, Mary Jane Dent,  
Tracy Goodwin, Linda Loffswold,  
Mervin McElwain, Wallace Rons,  
Christy Vulgamore

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### BALANCE SHEET

### ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS

Telephone Plant:	
In service	\$131,496,691.60
Under Construction	6,234,593.93
Total Plant	137,731,285.53
Less Reserve for:	
Depreciation & Amortization	92,605,110.71
Plant Less Reserve	1,222,257.19
Other Investments	\$45,126,174.82
	1,222,257.19

Cash-General Funds	1,730,863.26
Temporary Cash Investments	14,731,836.65
Accounts Receivable	196,495.28
Material	1,401,265.01
Total Current Assets	18,060,460.20

Prepaid Accounts & Deferred Charges	278,993.87
Total Assets & Other Debits	278,993.87
	\$64,687,886.08

### LIABILITIES & OTHER CREDITS

Long Term Debt	\$4,486,621.88
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Accounts Payable	708,205.17
Customer Deposits	123,665.00
Accrued Taxes	297,723.52
Other Current Liabilities	255,191.40
Total Current & Accrued Liabilities	1,384,785.09

Deferred Credits	3,500.00
Donated Capital	5,535,184.08
Patronage Capital	50,122,069.72
Margins	3,155,725.31
Total Capital & Margins	58,816,479.11
Total Liabilities & Other Credits	58,816,479.11
	\$64,687,886.08

### OPERATING STATEMENT

#### 2012

Local Network Service Revenue	\$3,048,632.97
Network Access Service Revenue	11,856,247.05
Miscellaneous Operating Revenue	566,689.21
Non Regulated Operations Revenue	8,303,016.79
Total Operating Revenue	23,774,586.02

Plant Specific Operations Expense	3,832,830.38
Plant Non Specific Operations Exp.	8,480,370.47
Customer Operations Expense	877,614.45
Corporate Operations Expense	1,610,636.62
Non Regulated Operations Expense	5,941,900.00
Operating Tax Expense	800,115.29
Total Operating Expense	21,543,467.21
Net Operating Revenue	2,231,118.81
Net Non Operating Income	926,741.77
Interest Expense	2,135.27
Margins	\$3,155,725.31

#### 2011

Local Network Service Revenue	\$3,139,674.36
Network Access Service Revenue	11,822,522.55
Miscellaneous Operating Revenue	617,654.66
Non Regulated Operations Revenue	8,120,104.80
Total Operating Revenue	23,699,956.37

Plant Specific Operations Expense	4,129,066.23
Plant Non Specific Operations Exp.	8,099,043.65
Customer Operations Expense	946,733.63
Corporate Operations Expense	1,490,276.62
Non Regulated Operations Expense	5,968,061.54
Operating Tax Expense	908,327.96
Total Operating Expense	21,541,509.63
Net Operating Revenue	2,158,446.74
Net Non Operating Income	672,643.25
Interest Expense	10,314.56
Margins	\$2,820,775.43

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## Q&A Concerning “Who Is Entitled To Vote At The Annual Meeting”

**Q:** May I have my child, relative or neighbor vote in my place?

No, Craw-Kan’s bylaws do not allow proxy voting.

**Q:** Can an administrator or a person with power of attorney vote?

Yes, providing the member has the proper credentials at the time of the Annual Meeting registration.

**Q:** If I own a business and have a residence, may I have two votes?

No, if you are the sole owner you are considered one member and therefore, have only one vote. However if you are in a partnership or a corporation that business will have one vote and you would have one vote.

## Capital Credit Checks To Be Distributed Before Christmas!

Again this year, your President will make an announcement at the Annual Meeting concerning the amount of capital credits which will be distributed this year.

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Missouri 800-344-7483  
Oklahoma 800-522-6543

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## THREE NOMINEES TO BE VOTED ON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING ON OCT. 24, 2013

Three directors will be elected for a term of three years each. Below is a brief description of each nominee. We would like to point out that additional nominations may be made from the floor by any member.



### Roger Doue

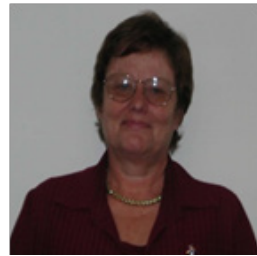
**Roger E. Doue** is a resident of Arma, KS. He was born and raised at 22 Camp which is one-half mile north of where he lives today. He attended grade school and high school in Arma. Early in Roger’s career, he spent more than 14 years in the printing business; working at the Arma Record,

Commercial Publishers in Parsons, and Pittcraft Printing in Pittsburg. From 1967-1971, he worked as an agent for Metropolitan Life Insurance. He then went to work in the oil business with Standard Oil of Indiana. In 1975, he became an independent jobber starting Doue Oil Co. He served eight years on the Northeast USD 246 school board and is a member of the Arma United Methodist Church, Arma Lodge #408 A.F. & A.M., 32nd Degree KCCH Valley of Ft. Scott Scottish Rite, Mirza Shrine, Royal Order of Jesters, Fraternal Order of Eagles and Elks Lodge as well as several other fraternal and trade organizations. Roger has served on the Craw-Kan Board since July 1998.

### Terry Kunstel



**Terry Kunstel** is a rural resident and native of Arcadia, KS. He grew up on the family farm north of Arcadia where he continues to farm and raise cattle. Terry also is the co-owner and operator of T and C Wildlife Hunt Club near their rural home. Terry graduated from P.S.U. and has served on the Arcadia City Council and the Sheffield Cemetery Board. He served for seven years on the Craw-Kan Communications Systems board, three years as president. He was a teacher at Arma USD 246 for 32 years, retiring in 2000. Terry has been on the Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative Board of Directors since 1986.



### Mary Smith

**Mary Smith** is a native of the area and has been a resident of Hepler, Kansas since 1976. Mary has two children and three grandchildren. She is the current Treasurer of Hepler, Kansas, a position which she has held for more than 40 years. Mary is also the Treasurer for the Rural Volunteer

Fire Department and a former 4-H leader. Since 1986, Mrs. Smith has been employed by Diehl Banwart Bolton CPA Office. Mary was elected to the Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative Board of Directors in 2007.

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF CRAW-KAN TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Cooperative will be held in the cafeteria at the Girard High School, 401-415 North Summit, Girard, KS, on Thursday, October 24, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., to take action upon the following matters.

1. Report of Officers, Directors and Committees.
2. Election of Three Directors of the Cooperative.
3. All other business which may come before the meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

In connection with the election of directors scheduled for the meeting, the following members have been nominated by the nominating committee or by petition. Three directors will be elected.

## THREE YEAR TERMS-ELECT THREE

Roger Doue.....(Urban) Arma  
Terry Kunstel.....(Rural) Arcadia  
Mary Smith.....(Urban) Hepler

## CRAW-KAN TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

(Signed).....Frank Dumnick  
Secretary

### PRESENT DIRECTORS OF THE COOPERATIVE

President, Mary Smith.....(Urban) Hepler  
Vice-President, Sharon Starr.....(Rural) Girard  
Sec.-Treas., Frank Dumnick.....(Urban) Girard  
Wilda Pentola.....(Rural) Farlington  
John Kovacic.....(Rural) Girard  
Terry Kunstel.....(Rural) Arcadia  
Jim O’Toole.....(Rural) Girard  
Roger Doue.....(Urban) Arma  
Barry Bedene.....(Urban) Arma

Dear Member:

Enclosed is your official notice of the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc. The meeting will be held in the cafeteria in the Girard High School (north entrance), 401-405 North Summit, Girard, KS, October 24, 2013.

Registration of members will begin at 5:30 p.m. All subscribers are welcome at the annual meeting and are urged to attend. Only qualified members will be allowed to participate in the actual business session of the annual meeting.

A short but important business meeting will be the first item on the program. Reports will be made by the officers and the manager. Election of the three directors will follow this session.

Following the program, a drawing, will be held for door prizes in the

amount of \$2500.00. Only members present are eligible.

We extend an invitation to you to attend the 61st Annual Meeting and exercise your vote in the business affairs of the Cooperative on October 24, 2013.

Very Truly Yours,  
Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Mary Smith  
President

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF CRAW-KAN TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

The Annual Meeting of the members of Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was held in the Cafeteria at the Girard High School, 401 – 415 North Summit, Girard, Kansas at 7:30 P.M., October 25, 2012.

The meeting was called to order by Barry Bedene, President of the Cooperative, who presided and Frank Dumnick, Secretary of the Cooperative, kept the minutes thereof.

The Secretary reported 280 members were present in person constituting a quorum of the Cooperative

The Secretary presented and read a copy of the notice of the meeting together with proof of due mailing thereof to all members of the Cooperative and such notice and proof were ordered to be annexed to the minutes of this meeting.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting of the members held October 26, 2011 were presented to the members in printed form and upon motion duly made and seconded they were adopted as printed.

Craig Wilbert, General Manager, presented in printed form the Balance Sheet and Operating Statement for the year 2011 and gave explanation of various items on the reports. Upon motion duly made and seconded the reports were approved as printed.

The President of the Board next asked the members for any new business items. There was no new business.

The President then gave his report and announced that a retirement of capital credits would be made this year. A retirement of capital credits will be made in the amount of \$2,095,143.30. This retirement consists of the remainder of 1996, 15% of 1997, and 30% of 2011. He also noted that since 1982, \$67,107,967.04 in capital credits have been paid to our members.

The General Manager then presented his annual report, followed by a question and answer session.

The Chairman advised the next order of business would be voting by the members for three Directors to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the members or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. The Chairman stated that in accordance with the by-laws, the Board of Directors had on August 28, 2012 appointed a nominating committee. He pointed out that the

three elected will hold office for a three year term.

The President read the nominating committee’s report nominating the following members:

Frank Dumnick  
John Kovacic  
Stan Lipps  
Sharon Starr

The President then stated that according to the by-laws, nominations could be made from the floor. No nominations were made from the floor. After the required length of time, a motion was duly made and seconded that nominations be closed. The President then appointed the following inspectors of election.

Ruby Ashmore	Girard
Linda Marion	Arma
Regina Butler	Girard
Gerald Butler	Girard
Jerry Golob	Girard
Kristi Trim	Galesburg
Mark Lehman	Girard
Vicki Vinze	Girard

A vote of Directors was then had by ballot and the ballots were delivered to the Inspectors who proceeded to count the same.

The Certificate of the Inspectors of Election was then presented and read certifying that the following nominees received the number of votes opposite their names:

Frank Dumnick	216
John Kovacic	219
Stan Lipps	98
Sharon Starr	241
Jay Leigh	1 Write In

We further certify that the following persons were duly elected as directors to hold office until the Annual Meeting of members in 2015 or until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified:

Frank Dumnick  
John Kovacic  
Sharon Starr

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned.

Frank Dumnick, Secretary

Barry Bedene, President