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Thursday, October 30, 2014

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The Annual Meeting Edition

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Annual Meeting!

Where:

Girard High School Cafeteria

When:

Oct. 30, 2014

Time:

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

*Refreshments and
Entertainment will be provided

The Need for Speed

The Federal Communications Commission is considering increasing the broadband speed benchmark that it uses to gauge whether broadband is being deployed to all Americans in a reasonable and timely fashion. That benchmark is currently set at 4 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream.

Craw-Kan is proactively improving our service by increasing bandwidth without increasing prices to our members. Our 6 and 15 Mbps packages will move to 10 and 50 Mbps without any increase in price. We are also adding a 100 Mbps package for \$70 per month. This is one of the most competitive prices in the nation! While the highest tier packages may not be available to all customers, we have been making great progress over the past few years in improving high speed availability to our membership. By the end of this year, we will have reached the milestone of connecting our 2,000th fiber to the home customer.

These investments in our network are being made to eliminate any digital divide between rural and urban areas. When families have several devices in the home all demanding high bandwidth, a 4 Mbps connection simply does not meet the needs of the 21st century. Our new packages provide the speed and unlike our wireless competitors are completely without data caps. It's an exciting time to be a member of Craw-Kan as our organization continues to strive for improvement and to earn the trust and support of our members.

We hope to see you at the annual meeting.

Craig Wilbert
General Manager

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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2014 Nominating Committee

In alphabetical order pictured with General Manager, Craig Wilbert

Claudia Ausemus, Marvin Boyd, Sheldon
Delange, Mary Jane Dent, Linda Loffswold,
Mervin McElwain, Wallace Rons,
Christy Vulgamore

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BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 2013

ASSET AND OTHER DEBITS		
Telephone Plant	\$139,211,975.58	
In Service	3,252,465.47	
Under Construction	142,464,441.05	
Total Plant	<u>100,219,072.70</u>	\$42,245,368.35
Less Reserve for		1,259,647.63
Depreciation &		
Amortization		
Plant Less Reserve		22,223,288.26
Other Investments	1,259,647.63	<u>278,798.35</u>
Cash-General Funds	598,796.87	\$66,007,102.59
Temporary Cash Investments	20,187,496.69	
Accounts Receivable	394,211.70	
Material	<u>1,042,783.00</u>	\$4,186,989.92
Total Current Assets		
Prepaid Accounts &		
Deferred Charges	<u>278,798.35</u>	
Total Assets &		
Other Debits		
LIABILITIES & OTHER CREDITS		
Long Term Debt	\$4,186,989.92	
Accounts Payable	572,689.67	
Customer Deposits	119,315.00	
Accrued Taxes	264,029.29	
Other Current Liabilities	<u>240,288.32</u>	
Total Current &		1,196,322.28
Accrued Liabilities		
Deferred Credits	3,500.00	
Donated Capital	5,717,425.20	
Patronage Capital	51,165,692.31	
Margins	<u>3,737,172.88</u>	<u>60,623,790.39</u>
Total Capital &		<u>\$66,007,102.59</u>
Margins		
Total Liabilities &		
Other Credits		

OPERATING STATEMENT

	2013	2012
	Year to Date	Year to Date
Local Network Service Revenue	\$3,042,148.69	\$3,048,632.97
Network Access Service Revenue	13,184,930.17	11,856,247.05
Miscellaneous Operating Revenue	541,833.85	566,689.21
Non Regulated Operations Revenue	<u>8,563,824.41</u>	<u>8,303,016.79</u>
Total Operating Revenue	25,332,737.12	23,774,586.02
Plant Specific Operations Expense	4,187,609.08	3,832,830.38
Plant Non Specific Operations Exp.	8,820,083.30	8,480,370.47
Customer Operations Expense	921,754.81	877,614.45
Corporate Operations Expense	1,707,048.84	1,610,636.62
Non Regulated Operations Expense	5,953,557.47	5,941,900.00
Operating Tax Expense	<u>744,900.66</u>	<u>800,115.29</u>
Total Operating Expense	22,334,954.16	21,543,467.21
Net Operating Revenue	2,997,782.96	2,231,118.81
Net Non Operating Income	741,263.77	926,741.77
Interest Expense	<u>1,873.85</u>	<u>2,135.27</u>
Margins	<u>\$3,737,172.88</u>	<u>\$3,155,725.31</u>

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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THREE NOMINEES TO BE VOTED ON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING ON OCT. 30, 2014

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.



Barry Bedene

Barry Bedene is a resident of the Arma, Kansas exchange. Barry has owned and operated Bedene Funeral Home in Arma since 1974. He has been the past president of the Rural Fire District #2. He served on the board of directors of the First State Bank in Arma and is currently on the board of directors of the Exchange State Bank in Girard. Barry is also a former member of the Arma City Council. He was appointed to the Kansas State Board of Mortuary Arts by Gov. Finney and reappointed by Gov. Graves, Gov. Sebelius, Gov. Parkinson, and most recently by Gov. Brownback. He serves on the Board of Trustees on the Pittsburg State University Foundation, is a member of the Scottish Rites in Ft. Scott, the Masonic Lodge in Arma, and the Mirza Shrine. He has been on the Craw-Kan Board of Directors since 1984.

James O’Toole



Jim O’Toole is a resident of the Girard, Kansas exchange, living at Greenbush. Jim is a senior partner of O’Toole Construction Inc., which has been in business for over 40 years. He also farms and has a cattle operation. He has served on the RCD Board, church council, water board, and has held various offices in the Brazilton Ruritan Club. Jim has been a past president and a member of the Kansas Land Improvement Contractors of America. He is a former member on the board at Westridge in Girard. Jim has been on the Craw-Kan Board since 1987 and has served as its president. Jim has also been a member of the Craw-Kan Communication Systems Board.



Wilda Pentola

Wilda Pentola is a rural resident of the Farlington, Kansas exchange. Wilda is a Girard native where she completed grade school and high school. She attended Pittsburg State University receiving her B.S. in 1966. After receiving her Master’s degree she then completed her Educational Specialist degree in 1988. She taught school in Carl Junction, Girard, and Erie later working as the Technology Director at the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center(Greenbush). Wilda accepted a position as Regional Account Manager with Apple Computer Inc. in Kansas City in 1990. She retired from Apple in July 2002. Wilda currently

serves on the board of WestRidge, an assisted living community and on the boards of the Community Foundation of SEK and the Girard Area Community Foundation. She was elected director on the Craw-Kan board in 2002.

Steve Kosman



Steve Kosman is a rural resident of Cherokee, Kansas. Steve is a native of Lincoln, Nebraska where he grew up and attended schools. Steve is married and has two children and 5 grandchildren. He graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a Bachelor’s degree in Electrical Engineering majoring in Electronics and Communications. During that period, his education was interrupted and he spent 3 years in the Army as a Communications Specialist working telephone systems and two of those years were in Germany. Steve has been a Kansas resident since 1978 with 12 years in Chanute working for Kustom Electronics and 24 years in rural Cherokee working for Day & Zimmermann in Parsons as Director of Engineering, Programs and Projects producing defense products. Steve has a management background in Communications, Manufacturing, Environmental, Customer Relations and Information Technology.



Edwin Becker

Ed Becker was raised on a farm in rural Hallowell, Ks. He worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 37 years and retired as Postmaster from the Girard Post Office with 23 years of service. He and his wife Susan have two daughters, both of whom graduated from USD 248. Ed is a veteran of the U.S. Army and served one year (1968-1969) in Vietnam. He is also a member of the Girard Optimist Club, National Association of Postmasters, VFW, American Legion, and serves on the Girard USD 248 School Board. He has resided in Girard for more than 30 years.

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 30, 2014, 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

Barry Bedene.....(Urban) Arma
James O’Toole.....(Rural) Girard
Wilda Pentola.....(Rural) Farlington
Steve Kosman.....(Rural) Cherokee
Edwin Becker.....(Urban) Girard

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 30, 2014.

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 62nd Annual Meeting and exercise your vote in the business affairs of the Cooperative on October 30, 2014.

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 7:00 P.M., October 24, 2013.

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

The Secretary reported 255 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 25, 2012 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 2012 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 her 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 \$2,347,681.09. This retirement consists of 30% of 1997 and 30% of 2012. She also noted that since 1982, \$69,455,648.13 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 27, 2013 appointed a nominating committee. She 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:

Roger Doue
Terry Kunstel
Mary Smith

The President then stated that according to the by-laws, nominations could be made from the floor. A motion was duly made and seconded that Joe Weber be nominated. No other 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.

Chelle Riley Uniontown
Joyce Miller Girard
Sherri Studyvin Cherokee
Rosemary O’Toole Girard
Martha Bass Girard
Bill Studyvin Cherokee
Jack Payne Arcadia
Betty E Best 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:

Roger Doue 207
Terry Kunstel 213
Mary Smith 223
Joe Weber 32
Carolyn Zaganel 1 Write In
Willie Montanelli 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 2016 or until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified:

Roger Doue
Terry Kunstel
Mary Smith

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

Frank Dumnick, Secretary

Mary L. Smith, President