



Craw-Kan

Your Community Technology Partner

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Notice of Annual Meeting
Wednesday, October 17, 2018

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OCTOBER
2018

The Craw-Kan Connection



BALANCE SHEET	
December 31, 2017	
ASSET AND OTHER DEBITS	
Telephone Plant	\$174,567,535.92
In Service	4,914,979.07
Under Construction	179,482,514.99
Total Plant	354,965,029.98
Less Reserve for Depreciation & Amortization	55,317,687.54
Plant Less Reserve	4,616,809.50
Other Investments	4,616,809.50
Cash-General Funds	2,748,381.61
Temporary Cash Investments	9,487,623.05
Accounts Receivable	1,048,185.39
Material	1,956,121.59
Total Current Assets	15,240,311.64
Prepaid Accounts & Deferred Charges	347,124.75
Total Assets & Other Debits	\$75,521,933.43
LIABILITIES & OTHER CREDITS	
Long Term Debt	\$9,924,322.14
Accounts Payable	1,856,984.53
Accrued Taxes	292,066.26
Other Current Liabilities	362,841.44
Total Current & Accrued Liabilities	2,511,892.23
Deferred Credits	3,396.78
Donated Capital	6,400,595.71
Patronage Capital	54,494,730.66
Margins	2,186,995.91
Total Capital & Margins	63,085,719.06
Total Liabilities & Other Credits	\$75,521,933.43

OPERATING STATEMENT		
	2017	2016
	Year to Date	Year to Date
Local Network Service Revenue	\$2,959,674.84	\$2,934,209.03
Network Access Service Revenue	15,486,582.27	16,381,058.42
Miscellaneous Operating Revenue	554,376.13	487,085.06
Non Regulated Operations Revenue	11,291,742.83	10,184,258.78
Total Operating Revenue	30,292,376.07	29,986,611.29
Plant Specific Operations Expense	5,440,719.16	5,042,486.78
Plant Non Specific Operations Exp.	10,332,232.81	10,557,348.12
Customer Operations Expense	1,227,870.29	1,097,497.64
Corporate Operations Expense	2,059,402.22	1,882,141.04
Non Regulated Operations Expense	8,459,159.30	8,069,408.73
Operating Tax Expense	807,235.75	730,857.79
Total Operating Expense	28,326,619.53	27,379,740.10
Net Operating Revenue	1,965,756.54	2,606,871.19
Net Non-Operating Income	221,239.37	565,536.70
Margins	\$2,186,995.91	\$3,172,407.89

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The Annual Meeting Edition



Annual Meeting!

Where:

Girard High School Cafeteria

When:

Oct. 17, 2018

Time:

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

* Refreshments and
Entertainment will be provided.

Board of Directors

Sharon Starr,
President

Randy Vogts,
Vice-President

Barry Bedene,
Secretary-Treasurer

Wilda Pentola,
Director

John Kovacic,
Director

Jim O'Toole,
Director

Terry Kunstel,
Director

Roger Doue,
Director

Mary Smith,
Director

Craig Wilbert,
General Manager

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Your Community Technology Partner

In 2018, your Cooperative set out to improve what it does best: be a trusted technology partner for all our members and non-members alike. The past couple years have seen a massive increase in the amount of fiber to the home construction. Not only are we in the second year of our 5-year member project which will see the communities of Arma, Pleasanton and Cherokee become 100% covered by fiber, but we continued with the build of Pittsburg, KS. Both projects will be completed between the end of the year and late spring 2019.

Due to this tremendous growth, we knew we needed to make some changes to how we were doing business. We started by looking at how our investment in fiber to the home technology was affecting our own staff. We reorganized our outside plant reporting structure into two main units – placement of fiber and installation at the customer premise. This change resulted in a complete retraining of all of our outside plant personnel. We also added field supervisory positions so our installation techs would always have someone they could turn to for immediate field support. Dispatch and customer service personnel also had processes streamlined and new technology added to improve the overall flow of customer orders. We believe these changes have greatly improved the overall customer experience and recent reviews on social media overwhelmingly show greatly improved customer satisfaction.

Next year will see fiber to the home arrive in our member communities of Arcadia, Mulberry and Asbury. On the non-member side, work has already started in Ft. Scott and will continue throughout 2019. These investments will strengthen your Coop by diversifying our revenue streams across both rural and urban communities and serve to offset declines in rural population and cuts in universal funding.

Being a trusted technology partner is something we never take lightly. Thank you for your patronage this year. Always remember, "Don't get bit, get Gigabit!"

Craig Wilbert
General Manager



2018 Nominating Committee

In alphabetical order pictured with General Manager Craig Wilbert, Controller Brian Davied and Attorney Timothy Fielder.

Dave Ashmore, Marvin Bualle, Tosha Carson,
Mary Jane Dent, Linda Loffswold, Lisa Parsons,
Christy Vulgamore

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 DIRECTOR POSITIONS TO BE VOTED ON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING ON OCT. 17, 2018

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.



John Kovacic

John Kovacic is a resident of rural Girard. A native of Girard, he attended the Girard schools before furthering his education at Pittsburg State University. John began in the Crawford County Treasurer’s Office as an Assistant County Treasurer in 1972. He was Deputy County Treasurer for one year before being elected as Crawford County Treasurer in 1975. John retired in 2005 after serving Crawford County for 30 years. He is a member of SNPJ lodge #255 in Arma and Sons of the American Legion in Girard. John is also a member of the National Association of County Treasurers and Finance Officers. In 1998, Mr. Kovacic became a certified finance officer through the University of Tennessee. John has served on the board since 2003.

Sharon Starr



Sharon Starr is a resident of rural Girard. Sharon was born and raised in Russell, Kansas. She attended school all 12 years and graduated from Russell High School in Russell, Kansas. Sharon has served on the Girard Chamber of Commerce, the Council of Beta Sigma Phi sorority where she held numerous offices, Zone 6 Garden Club, and the Haderlein School mentoring program for 3 years. Sharon is retired from Walmart after 31 years as a Customer Service Manager. Her hobbies are traveling, antiques, gardening and spending time with her family. Sharon attends the Arma Methodist Church. Sharon has served on the Craw-Kan Communications Board and has been a Director since 2006.

Randy Vogts



Randy Vogts is a native and current resident of Girard. He attended Girard Schools, graduating in 1968. Continuing his education at Kansas State University, Mr. Vogts earned a BS degree in Agricultural Economics. Randy’s professional career has been focused on the banking industry where he currently serves as the Executive Vice-President of The First National Bank of Girard. Mr. Vogts has also served on the boards of the Consolidated Rural Water District #1, Crawford County Fair, and Craw-Kan Communications Systems. Through the years, Randy has been a member and held offices in several civic and fraternal organizations. Randy has also pursued his interest in agriculture, owning and operating a small commercial cattle operation.

Paula Severt



Paula Severt currently resides in rural Girard, but originally hails from St. Paul, KS. After graduating from St. Paul High School, she went on to study at the University of Kansas, earning a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology and Sociology. Mrs. Severt worked for MAXIMUS as an Eligibility Counselor and a Quality Assurance Coordinator while living in Topeka. Upon her return to SEK, Paula was employed by Dynamic Educational Systems and held the positions of Operations Manager and Quality Assurance Manager. In these roles, she was active in policy making, training, management, and staff supervision of 5 sites covering 17 counties in SEK. Paula served as board member of the Pittsburg Adult Education Center. She and husband Ryan, and their children Morgan and Carson are active members at St. Michael’s Catholic Church where she also teaches religion. Mrs. Severt has also volunteered as a Girl Scout leader for 10 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 Wednesday, October 17, 2018, 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

John Kovacic.....(Rural) Girard
 Sharon Starr.....(Rural) Girard
 Randy Vogts.....(Urban) Girard
 Paula Severt.....(Rural) Girard

CRAW-KAN TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

(Signed).....Barry Bedene
 Secretary

PRESENT DIRECTORS OF THE COOPERATIVE

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

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 17, 2018.

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 \$2,500.00. Only members present are eligible.

We extend an invitation to you to attend the 66th Annual Meeting and exercise your vote in the business affairs of the Cooperative on October 17, 2018.

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

Sharon Starr
 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, 2017.

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

The Secretary reported 219 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 19, 2016 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 2016 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 \$2,027,684.84. This retirement consists of 9% of 1998 and 50% of 2016.

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 September 6, 2017 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:

Barry Bedene
 James O’Toole
 Wilda Pentola

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.

Pat Walden
 Ronald Brower
 Charles Snow
 Regina Butler
 Haley Becker
 Gerald Butler
 John Parson
 John Sell

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:

Barry Bedene 189
 James O’Toole 190
 Wilda Pentola 190
 Robert Zagonel 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 2020 or until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified:

Barry Bedene
 James O’Toole
 Wilda Pentola

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

Barry W. Bedene, Secretary

Sharon Starr, President