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Notice of Annual Meeting
Wednesday, October 16, 2019

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BALANCE SHEET		December 31, 2018	
ASSET AND OTHER DEBITS			
Telephone Plant		\$166,824,260.88	\$67,698,802.99
In Service		19,269,618.31	4,284,463.81
Under Construction		186,093,879.19	
Total Plant		<u>118,395,076.20</u>	<u>13,205,099.42</u>
Less Reserve for Depreciation & Amortization		4,284,463.81	353,766.38
Plant Less Reserve			<u>\$85,542,132.60</u>
Cash-General Funds		3,096,647.91	\$18,667,480.02
Temporary Cash Investments		6,579,024.00	
Accounts Receivable		888,912.89	
Material		2,640,514.62	
Total Current Assets		<u>353,766.38</u>	<u>3,970,664.75</u>
Prepaid Accounts & Deferred Charges			
Total Assets & Other Debits		<u>\$18,667,480.02</u>	<u>\$85,542,132.60</u>
LIABILITIES & OTHER CREDITS			
Long Term Debt			
Accounts Payable		3,504,224.48	
Accrued Taxes		212,732.57	
Other Current Liabilities		<u>253,707.20</u>	
Total Current & Accrued Liabilities		<u>3,970,664.75</u>	
Deferred Credits		3,245.56	
Donated Capital		6,768,669.50	
Patronage Capital		52,842,126.37	
Margins		<u>3,289,946.40</u>	
Total Capital & Margins		<u>62,903,987.83</u>	
Total Liabilities & Other Credits		<u>\$85,542,132.60</u>	

OPERATING STATEMENT		2018		2017	
	Year to Date	Year to Date	Year to Date	Year to Date	Year to Date
Local Network Service Revenue	\$2,851,707.57	\$2,959,674.84	\$2,851,707.57	\$2,959,674.84	\$2,851,707.57
Network Access Service Revenue	15,430,239.86	15,486,582.27	15,430,239.86	15,486,582.27	15,430,239.86
Miscellaneous Operating Revenue	595,083.24	554,376.13	595,083.24	554,376.13	595,083.24
Non Regulated Operations Revenue	<u>12,781,861.82</u>	<u>11,291,742.83</u>	<u>12,781,861.82</u>	<u>11,291,742.83</u>	<u>12,781,861.82</u>
Total Operating Revenue	<u>31,658,892.49</u>	<u>30,292,376.07</u>	<u>31,658,892.49</u>	<u>30,292,376.07</u>	<u>31,658,892.49</u>
Plant Specific Operations Expense	5,775,977.32	5,440,719.16	5,775,977.32	5,440,719.16	5,775,977.32
Plant Non Specific Operations Exp.	10,145,537.64	10,332,232.81	10,145,537.64	10,332,232.81	10,145,537.64
Customer Operations Expense	1,206,029.04	1,227,870.29	1,206,029.04	1,227,870.29	1,206,029.04
Corporate Operations Expense	2,167,244.29	2,059,402.22	2,167,244.29	2,059,402.22	2,167,244.29
Non Regulated Operations Expense	8,628,537.31	8,459,159.30	8,628,537.31	8,459,159.30	8,628,537.31
Operating Tax Expense	669,712.56	807,235.75	669,712.56	807,235.75	669,712.56
Total Operating Expense	<u>28,593,038.16</u>	<u>28,326,619.53</u>	<u>28,593,038.16</u>	<u>28,326,619.53</u>	<u>28,593,038.16</u>
Net Operating Revenue	<u>3,065,854.33</u>	<u>1,965,756.54</u>	<u>3,065,854.33</u>	<u>1,965,756.54</u>	<u>3,065,854.33</u>
Net Non-Operating Income	<u>224,092.07</u>	<u>221,239.37</u>	<u>224,092.07</u>	<u>221,239.37</u>	<u>224,092.07</u>
Margins	<u>\$3,289,946.40</u>	<u>\$2,186,995.91</u>	<u>\$3,289,946.40</u>	<u>\$2,186,995.91</u>	<u>\$3,289,946.40</u>

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Annual Meeting!

Where:

Girard High School Cafeteria

When:

Oct. 16, 2019

Time:

7:00 PM, Registration starts

at 5:30 PM

* Refreshments and Entertainment will be provided.



Setting the Standard

The Federal Communications Commission recently released a study on nationwide access to high speed internet. Based on data from December 2017, the median US internet download speed is 60 Mbps. The Commission also reported 37% subscribe to speeds of at least 100 Mbps.

Our Gigabit internet package offers an industry best 1,000 Mbps download speed. We have become the regional leader throughout our service territory by offering the fastest internet speed to our customers. Members are increasingly switching from lower speed plans to our Gigabit package as bandwidth intensive streaming video applications like Netflix and YouTube continue to drive the market. Unlike most wireless plans, our product does not cap usage so we will continue to see growth for many years to come.

The year 2019 will result in the completion of more capital projects than any other year in our Coop's history. We will have over 9,000 members' homes passed with fiber. In addition, we will have completed the main line build out of Pittsburg making it one of the largest cities in Kansas to have 100% of its city limits served by fiber to the home technology. We will also have completed approximately 50% of Ft. Scott built out. Next year we will be bringing fiber to Uniontown and Savonburg.

This progress is only possible with your support. Through the leadership of our Board and management team we have made great progress in carrying out our strategic goals of growth, service excellence and innovation. I hope to see you at our annual meeting.

Craig Wilbert
General Manager

Board of Directors

Randy Vogts,
President

Terry Kunstel,
Vice-President

Barry Bedene,
Secretary-Treasurer

Wilda Pentola,
Director

John Kovacic,
Director

John Lehman,
Director

Sharon Starr,
Director

Roger Doue,
Director

Mary Smith,
Director

Craig Wilbert,
General Manager

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2019 Nominating Committee

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

Dave Ashmore, Brian Blythe, Chris Bualle,
Tosha Carson, Mary Jane Dent, Donnie Humble,
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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 Kansas 800-344-7233
 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. 16, 2019

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.



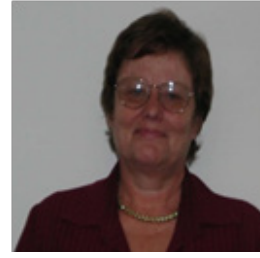
Roger Doue

Roger E. Doue is a resident of Arma, KS. He was born and raised one-half mile north of Arma in Mining Camp 22. He attended grade and high schools in Arma. Roger spent 14 years in the printing trade and 4 years in the insurance business previous to his work in the refined oil business with Standard Oil of Indiana. In 1975, he became an independent jobber starting Doue Oil Co., retiring in 2009. Roger served eight years on the Northeast USD 246 school board. He is a member of the Arma United Methodist Church, Arma Lodge #408, A.F. &A.M., 33 Degree Honorary Valley of Ft. Scott Scottish Rite, Mirza Shrine and Royal Order of Jesters. Roger is currently serving on the Crawford Co. Fire District #2 Board. Roger has served on the Craw- Kan Board since July, 1998.

Terry Kunstel



Terry Kunstel grew up on the family farm north of Arcadia where he continues to farm and raise cattle with his wife Cathie. Terry is a previous co-owner and operator of T and C Wildlife Hunt Club which is located near their rural Arcadia home. Kunstel 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.



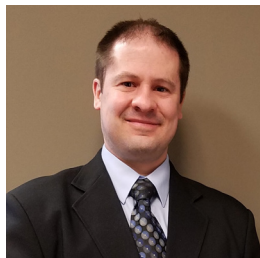
Mary Smith

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.

Paula Sevart



Paula Sevart 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. Sevart 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. Sevart has also volunteered as a Girl Scout leader for many years.



Cordell Harley

Cordell Harley is a lifetime resident of Girard, Kansas. Mr. Harley is currently employed by Ward-Kraft in Fort Scott as a Senior Accountant. His past work history includes sales and customer service positions at Cox Communications and Verizon Wireless in Pittsburg. Cordell is also licensed in life, health, property and casualty insurance in the state of Kansas. He also has a Kansas CPA certificate as well as a Masters of Business Administration from Pittsburg State University. Cordell and his wife, Naamah, are proud to raise their 5 children here in his home town.

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 16, 2019, 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
 Paula Sevart.....(Rural) Girard
 Cordell Harley.....(Urban) Girard

CRAW-KAN TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

(Signed).....Barry Bedene
 Secretary

PRESENT DIRECTORS OF THE COOPERATIVE

President, Randy Vogts.....(Urban) Girard
 Vice-President, Terry Kunstel.....(Rural) Arcadia
 Sec.-Treas., Barry Bedene.....(Urban) Arma
 Wilda Penola.....(Rural) Farlington
 John Kovacic.....(Rural) Girard
 Sharon Starr.....(Rural) Girard
 John Lehman.....(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 16, 2019.

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 67th Annual Meeting and exercise your vote in the business affairs of the Cooperative on October 16, 2019.

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

Randy Vogts
 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 17, 2018.

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 264 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 24, 2017 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 2017 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 \$2,121,300.99. This retirement consists of 29% of 1998 and 32% of 2017.

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, 2018 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:

John Kovacic
 Paula Sevart
 Sharon Starr
 Randy Vogts

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.

Marlene Clark
 Ronald Brower
 Ron Gates
 Regina Butler
 Gina Allen
 Gerald Butler
 Alcen Allen
 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:

John Kovacic	211
Paula Sevart	89
Sharon Starr	205
Randy Vogts	200
Tim James	2 write in
Ray Westhoff	1 write in
Tim Stephan	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 2021 or until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified:

John Kovacic
 Sharon Starr
 Randy Vogts

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