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Your Community Technology Partner

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Notice of Annual Meeting
Wednesday, October 21, 2020

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BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 2019

ASSET AND OTHER DEBITS	2019	2018
Telephone Plant	\$183,960,205.17	\$84,230,188.41
In Service	25,949,238.19	4,811,522.96
Under Construction	209,909,443.36	
Total Plant	125,679,254.95	9,686,820.72
Less Reserve for Depreciation & Amortization	4,811,522.96	283,563.93
Plant Less Reserve	120,867,731.99	\$99,012,096.02
Other Investments		\$28,764,139.00
Cash-General Funds	3,238,760.83	
Temporary Cash Investments	3,180,199.44	
Accounts Receivable	1,083,096.63	
Material	2,184,763.82	
Total Current Assets	125,679,254.95	3,215,946.82
Prepaid Accounts & Deferred Charges	283,563.93	283,563.93
Total Assets & Other Debits	\$28,764,139.00	\$28,764,139.00
LIABILITIES & OTHER CREDITS		
Long Term Debt		
Accounts Payable	2,629,349.39	
Accrued Taxes	229,935.35	
Other Current Liabilities	356,662.08	
Total Current & Accrued Liabilities	3,215,946.82	3,215,946.82
Deferred Credits	3,500.00	
Donated Capital	6,816,733.89	
Patronage Capital	53,330,401.46	
Margins	6,881,374.85	67,082,010.20
Total Capital & Margins	67,082,010.20	67,082,010.20
Total Liabilities & Other Credits	\$99,012,096.02	\$99,012,096.02

OPERATING STATEMENT

	2019	2018
Local Network Service Revenue	\$2,836,217.88	\$2,851,707.57
Network Access Service Revenue	17,583,987.68	15,430,239.86
Miscellaneous Operating Revenue	559,302.99	595,083.24
Non Regulated Operations Revenue	14,559,283.59	12,781,861.82
Total Operating Revenue	35,538,792.14	31,658,892.49
Plant Specific Operations Expense	5,728,158.84	5,775,977.32
Plant Non Specific Operations Exp.	10,405,791.34	10,145,537.64
Customer Operations Expense	1,207,334.36	1,206,029.04
Corporate Operations Expense	2,308,237.11	2,167,244.29
Non Regulated Operations Expense	8,221,212.32	8,628,537.31
Operating Tax Expense	783,076.56	669,712.56
Total Operating Expense	28,653,810.53	28,593,038.16
Net Operating Revenue	6,884,981.61	3,065,854.33
Net Non-Oper. Income/Interest Expense	(3,606.76)	224,092.07
Margins	\$6,881,374.85	\$3,289,946.40

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Annual Meeting!

Where:

Girard High School Cafeteria

When:

Oct. 21, 2020

Time:

7:00 PM, Registration starts

at 4:00 PM



A Record Year

For the past few years, I have used this space to keep you updated regarding our progress in building out fiber to the home infrastructure throughout our service region. This past year saw the exchanges of Arcadia, Mulberry, Weir and Asbury built out with gigabit speed internet. We also completed the build of Pittsburg and are making good progress in Ft. Scott.

I am very proud to report that these efforts have paid off. In 2019, your Coop set records in revenues, customers added and net margins. The net margins figure of \$6.9 million is the best in our nearly 70-year history. The year 2020 is shaping up to break some of those records again. Even though we had to stop installations for three months due to the Covid-19 pandemic, customer additions are substantially ahead compared to 2019.

The pandemic has also forced us to make some changes to our regular annual meeting format. Additional tables will be set up and registration will begin at 4 PM. We will be reducing the amount of seating available to allow for better social distancing. Instead of our usual refreshments, all registered members will receive a goody bag complete with door prize, individually wrapped treat as well as a mask to be worn during the annual meeting. Please note that while normally you must be present to be eligible for the 50-\$50 bills drawing, this year you will automatically be entered when you register. The duration of the meeting will also be shortened, and I promise the speeches will be brief! If you are still uncomfortable about attending, please note you can register and vote without attending the full meeting.

Thank you again for a great year and I hope to see you October 21st!

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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2020 Nominating Committee

In alphabetical order pictured with General Manager Craig Wilbert and
Assistant Manager Brian Davied.

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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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. 21, 2020

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, Gov. Brownback, and most recently by Gov. Kelly and currently is serving as President. He serves on the Board of Trustees on the Pittsburg State University Foundation, is a member of the Scottish Rite in Ft. Scott, the Masonic Lodge in Arma, and the Mirza Shrine. He has been on the Craw-Kan Board of Directors since 1984 and is currently serving as secretary.



John Lehman

John Lehman is a lifelong resident of Crawford County. He was raised on the family dairy farm south of Mulberry and spent his adult life with his wife, Betty, on their farm east of Girard. John received a BS degree in Agricultural Economics from Kansas State University. He was employed by The First National Bank of Girard for over 40 years, serving as bank president for over 25 years, until the bank merged into GN Bank in 2019. John has been an active member of numerous local, state and national banking, business, government, civic, religious and charitable boards. He is past chairman of the Kansas Bankers Association, Kansas Pooled Money Investment Board, and Trinity Lutheran Church. John joined the Craw-Kan board in 2019.



Wilda Pentola

Wilda Pentola is a rural resident of the Farlington, Kansas exchange, is a Girard native where she completed grade school and high school. She attended Pittsburg State University receiving her B.S. in 1966. After completing her Master’s degree, she went on to obtain the Educational Specialist degree from PSU. Wilda taught school in Carl Junction, Girard, and Erie, later working as the Technology Director at the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center in Greenbush. In 1990 she accepted a position as Regional Account Manager with Apple Computer Inc. in Kansas City and retired from there in July 2002. Wilda currently serves on the board of WestRidge, an assisted living community, and is a member of the Girard Lions Club. She was elected director on the Craw-Kan board in 2002.



Paula Severt

Paula Severt has been living in rural Girard with her husband Ryan since 2004. Her children were raised in Girard and both children pursued degrees at The University Of Kansas in Lawrence. Paula graduated from 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. 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. She and husband Ryan are active members at St. Michael’s Catholic Church where she also teaches religion. Mrs. Severt currently co-owns HMS Enterprises, Inc (Derailed Commodity) where she works with online vendor management and special event planning.



Dan Duling

Dan Duling is a resident of rural Girard. He grew up on a farm near Walnut, Kansas. Dan attended Girard Schools K-12 and then completed his under graduate and Master’s degrees in teaching and education administration at Pittsburg State University. His professional career of 34 years includes time as a classroom teacher, school administrator, director of special education services for 13 school districts in southeast Kansas, and currently as executive director of WestRidge Assisted Living. His career has allowed him to lead large organizations and manage budgets ranging from \$10,000- \$22 million. He is married to Ruth (Shireman) Duling, CEO of Girard Medical Center. Ruth and Dan have been community and Craw-Kan members for more than 25 years. He is a member of the St. Michael Catholic Church, Girard Lions Club, Friends of Crawford State Park, past director of the PSU Alumni Board, and currently is Vice President of the Girard Area Community Foundation.

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 21, 2020, 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
John Lehman.....(Rural) Girard
Wilda Pentola.....(Rural) Farlington
Paula Severt.....(Rural) Girard
Dan Duling.....(Rural) 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 Pentola.....(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 21, 2020.

Registration of members will begin at 4:00 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.

At a later date, a drawing, will be held for door prizes in the amount of \$2,500.00 - selected from all registered voters.

We extend an invitation to you to attend the 68th Annual Meeting and exercise your vote in the business affairs of the Cooperative on October 21, 2020.

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 16, 2019.

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

The Secretary reported 197 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 17, 2018 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 2018 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 \$2,204,347.57. This retirement consists of 67% of 2018.

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 12, 2019 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:

Roger Doue
Terry Kunstel
Mary Smith
Cordell Harley
Paula Severt

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.

Peggy Marshall
Alice Stratton
Ronald Brower
John Sell
Joeen Burns
Regina Butler
Gerald Butler
Ruby Ashmore

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	134
Cordell Harley	45
Terry Kunstel	143
Paula Severt	77
Mary Smith	157
Susan Polhlopek	2 write in
Chuck Kumshek	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 2022 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.

Barry W. Bedene, Secretary

Randy Vogts, President