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Notice of Annual Meeting
Wednesday, October 19, 2022

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OCTOBER 2022
The **Craw-Kan** Connection



Your Community Technology Partner

Craw-Kan October 2022

BALANCE SHEET	
December 31, 2021	
ASSET AND OTHER DEBITS	
Telephone Plant	
In Service	\$216,845,395.88
Under Construction	27,548,081.40
Total Plant	244,393,477.28
Less Reserve for Depreciation & Amortization	133,988,847.77
Plant Less Reserve	\$110,404,629.51
Other Investments	3,619,808.01
Cash-General Funds	3,551,702.96
Temporary Cash Investments	4,837,576.12
Accounts Receivable	1,064,210.80
Material	2,955,539.40
Total Current Assets	12,409,029.28
Prepaid Accounts & Deferred Charges	166,850.75
Total Assets & Other Debits	\$126,600,317.55
LIABILITIES & OTHER CREDITS	
Long Term Debt	\$49,353,489.31
Accounts Payable	3,066,597.62
Accrued Taxes	304,507.18
Other Current Liabilities	321,425.92
Total Current & Accrued Liabilities	3,692,530.72
Deferred Credits	3,500.00
Donated Capital	6,876,155.52
Patronage Capital	62,221,993.00
Margins	4,452,649.00
Total Capital & Margins	73,554,297.52
Total Liabilities & Other Credits	\$126,600,317.55

OPERATING STATEMENT		
	2021	2020
Local Network Service Revenue	\$2,980,941.59	\$2,868,413.20
Network Access Service Revenue	15,639,963.99	15,493,821.84
Miscellaneous Operating Revenue	687,107.93	610,303.92
Non Regulated Operations Revenue	19,009,444.16	16,350,271.80
Total Operating Revenue	38,317,457.67	35,322,810.76
Plant Specific Operations Expense	6,530,551.65	5,724,700.02
Plant Non Specific Operations Exp.	12,642,380.68	10,229,330.57
Customer Operations Expense	1,249,496.27	1,200,164.68
Corporate Operations Expense	2,414,434.59	2,196,783.10
Non Regulated Operations Expense	9,872,733.13	9,053,680.40
Operating Tax Expense	1,100,142.21	1,091,090.98
Total Operating Expense	33,809,738.53	29,495,749.75
Net Operating Revenue	4,507,719.14	5,827,061.01
Net Non-Operating Income	(55,070.14)	1,224,273.92
Margins	\$4,452,649.00	\$7,051,334.93

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Annual Meeting!

Where:

Girard High School Cafeteria

When:

Oct. 19, 2022

Time:

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

Happy 70th Birthday Craw-Kan!

The first official meeting of the Cooperative was held on July 9, 1953. Service began in March 1954, by obtaining the exchange of Brazilton, Kansas. This exchange had a total of 14 subscribers. On June 29, 1954, the Hiattville, Kansas exchange was purchased from Mr. George Brock. Also, in June 1954, the Crawford Telephone and Telegraph Company was acquired from C. J. Yourk, D. O. Shile, and Dora Gaitskill. This transaction added the Kansas exchanges of Girard, Farlington, Arma, Cherokee, and a Western Union Teletype Service operated by Craw-Kan, until May 10, 1955. The exchange of Hepler, Kansas, owned by D. D. Ensley and operating under the Hepler Telephone Company, was acquired in July 1954. Since the Cooperative was growing rapidly, the Board of Directors decided, on July 12, 1954, to hire John Frerichs as the first General Manager. At this time, Mr. Frerichs was also employed as General Manager of the Sekan Electric Cooperative, which had their headquarters in Girard. After negotiations between the Board of Directors of Sekan and the Craw-Kan Board, it was decided he would function as General Manager of both Cooperatives. Mr. Frerichs held this unique position until his retirement on December 31, 1980.

By December 31, 1954, the Cooperative had 24 employees. There were 15 operators located in the various exchanges, five linemen, one bookkeeper, one cashier, one clerk, and a janitor. The Cooperative consisted of a total of seven exchanges and approximately 1,422 subscribers.

In 1956, the Cooperative continued to grow, with the purchase of Weir, Walnut, Mulberry, Arcadia, Fulton, Devon, and West Mineral, Kansas. Uniontown, Kansas was acquired in 1958, along with Savonburg, Kansas and Prescott, Kansas, following in 1959. Still growing rapidly during the next few years, the Cooperative purchased Columbus, Crestline, Hallowell, Galesburg, McCune, Bronson, and Colony exchanges in Kansas. Within approximately six years, the Cooperative had acquired a total of 24 exchanges in Kansas.

On December 19, 1961, the Waco Telephone Company, serving Asbury, Missouri was purchased. The Missouri exchanges of Amsterdam, Amoret, Purcell, Foster, and Hume were added during the next ten years. The Edna Telephone Company was purchased on April 8, 1969. This added the Edna, Oklahoma and the Bartlett, Kansas exchanges to the Cooperative. The final purchase, made by the Cooperative in October of 1971, was for the Pleasanton Telephone Company owned by C. E. Tucker.

Craig Wilbert
General Manager

Board of Directors

Mary Smith,
President

John Lehman,
Vice-President

Barry Bedene,
Secretary-Treasurer

Wilda Pentola,
Director

John Kovacic,
Director

Terry Kunstel,
Director

Sharon Starr,
Director

Roger Doue,
Director

Randy Vogts,
Director

Craig Wilbert,
General Manager

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2022 Nominating Committee

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

- Dave Ashmore, Brian Blythe, Ron Brown, Chris Bualle, Tosha Carson, Donnie Humble, Linda Loffswold, Kay Mein, Lisa Parsons

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 DIRECTOR POSITIONS TO BE VOTED ON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING ON OCT. 19, 2022

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. Mrs. Smith retired from Diehl Banwart Bolton CPA Office where she worked since 1986. 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 Wednesday, October 19, 2022, 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).....Barry Bedene
 Secretary

PRESENT DIRECTORS OF THE COOPERATIVE

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

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 19, 2022.

Registration of members will begin at 5:00 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.

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

amount of \$3,500.00. Only members present are eligible.

We extend an invitation to you to attend the 70th Annual Meeting and exercise your vote in the business affairs of the Cooperative on October 19, 2022.

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 20, 2021.

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 178 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 21, 2020 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 2020 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 \$2,304,663.76. This retirement consists of 33% of 2020.

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 8, 2021 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:

John Kovacic
 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.

Brian Blythe
 Ron Brown
 Judy Lasley
 Janice Shaffer
 Ron Brower
 Ron Gates
 John Seil
 Sherry Sisney

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	159
Sharon Starr	161
Randy Vogts	161
Edna Hallacy	1 write in
Vern Hart	1 write in
Tim James	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 2024 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

Randy Vogts, President