

RESOLUTION #2018-01

A RESOLUTION FOR IMMEDIATE UPGRADE OF BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE

WHEREAS, the Village of Rockdale, Wisconsin has a responsibility to its citizens to assist in securing essential services including broadband (phone and internet.)

WHEREAS, reliable wired phone service is an essential service. Reliable wired phone service is needed for communications of all types, especially emergency 911 calls.

WHEREAS, high speed internet connectivity is an essential service. Internet is being driven into our lives by government and business. There are online medical records, appointment scheduling, on-line banking, internet only video from companies like Netflix, shopping, education, "the Cloud", agricultural auctions, and even the paying of governmental fees. All this is driven to the internet to increase customer service and lower costs. The need for the bandwidth is growing exponentially.

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin is ranked 49th among all states in average download internet speed. Source: Speedtest.Net/reports/United-States.

WHEREAS, wired internet services in rural America continues to lag behind urban America in speed. Thirty-nine percent (39%) of rural Americans lack access to 25Mbps/3Mbps internet. Twenty percent (20%) of all rural America lack access even to basic 4 Mbps Download/1 Mbps Upload speeds. Source: FCC 2016 Broadband progress Report.

WHEREAS, the Village of Rockdale, Wisconsin, is included in the twenty percent (20%) of all rural America lacking access to the basic 4Mbps/1 Mbps. Source: 2018 Village of Rockdale Broadband Survey to be provided.

WHEREAS, the Village of Rockdale, Wisconsin is in the lowest segment of one of the most underserved states. Source: 2018 Village of Rockdale Broadband Survey to be provided.

BE IT RESOLVED, that duly elected officials of the Village of Rockdale, Wisconsin request passage of the collaborative rural broadband bill LRB-2042/1 and future funding for rural broadband. Everyone in the State of Wisconsin deserves a minimum of 25Mbps/3Mbps.

BE IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin approve funding from its current surplus and future allocations to upgrade the Village of Rockdale, Wisconsin's broadband infrastructure to 25 Mbps/3Mbps wired connectivity. In a World of 1 Gbps, everyone, urban or rural, deserves a minimum of 25Mbps/3Mbps wired connectivity.

BE IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that proposals for the upgrade to broadband infrastructure in the Village of Rockdale, Wisconsin, take priority over all other applications.

BE IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin make the Village of Rockdale, Wisconsin project its highest priority within the State of Wisconsin.

BE IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Village of Rockdale authorizes the mailing of the attached petition and survey to all residents of the Village with a stamped return envelope and include the comments and input of its citizens in its presentation to any providers serving the village.

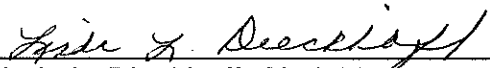
The above and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Village Board of Rockdale at a regular meeting held this 19th day of February 2018.

APPROVED:



Benjamin Timp, Village President

ATTEST:



Linda L. Dieckhoff, Clerk-Treasurer

Passed: February 19, 2018

Vote:

Ayes: 5 Naves: 0