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Resolution of Formal Endorsement to La Valle Telephone Cooperative Inc. to Assist in Obtaining the Wisconsin Public Service Commission's Broadband Equity, Access, & Development (BEAD) Program

TO THE TOWN OF KILDARE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, it is the Town of Kildare of Supervisors understanding that La Valle Telephone Cooperative, Inc., is requesting the Township's support for the Wisconsin Public Service Commission's Internet for All: Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program for broadband infrastructure for the underserved and unserved households and businesses within the Town of Kildare; and

WHEREAS, La Valle Telephone Cooperative has represented to the Town of Kildare of Supervisors that La Valle Telephone Cooperative is headquartered in La Valle WI Sauk County and was founded on cooperative principles and values, and proposes to support technology needs by expanding broadband capability to reach unserved and underserved residents and businesses within Juneau County where such service is currently unavailable or prohibitively expensive; and

WHEREAS, La Valle Telephone Cooperative Inc., has represented to the Town of Kildare of Supervisors that La Valle Telephone Cooperative Inc., has been operating for over 68 years, that it has made significant capital contributions in updates to its existing network and fiber broadband expansion within surrounding counties to provide state of the art telecommunications and broadband infrastructure access that is affordable for unserved and underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Kildare of Supervisors has not investigated or confirmed the representations made by La Valle Telephone, but acknowledges that La Valle Telephone has delivered in previous transactions with Juneau County in bringing enhanced connectivity and broadband services to the area; and

WHEREAS, it is the Town of Kildare of Supervisors understanding La Valle Telephone is seeking a formal endorsement to assist in the BEAD program deeming La Valle Telephone Cooperative as a Juneau County collaborator in broadband construction and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, it is the Town of Kildare of Supervisors understanding the PSC BEAD grant requests a Letter of Endorsement to support La Valle Telephone Cooperative Inc. application's to provide broadband infrastructure access to Juneau County in areas deemed unserved and underserved by the PSC's Broadband Map; and

WHEREAS, it is the Town of Kildare of Supervisors understanding fiber broadband connectivity and reliability is critical infrastructure for the health, safety, and quality of life for community residents, including access to telemedicine, expansive economic development and growth, and provides distance learning education opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS, this resolution was approved by the Town Board on Feb 12 2025, on a vote of 3, by (names) voting in favor and 0 members voting against.

CHAIR - Dennis Frank  
Branthaven

Kenneth A. Royce

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Kildare of Supervisors does, by the passage of this Resolution, endorse La Valle Telephone Cooperative Inc., as a BEAD program applicant and Juneau County broadband provider and supports the construction of unserved and underserved communities in Juneau County highlighted within the Wisconsin Public Service Commission Broadband Map as part of the BEAD program, as administered by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that publication of this resolution may occur through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.