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7-23-2020

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is in support of WCTA's fiber optic service grant for the city of Manly, Iowa. Fiber optic service provides fast, stable, reliable, and quality internet connection that all communities in our rural areas need and deserve. Fiber will greatly improve the quality of Manly's internet infrastructure now and for future years to come.

The need for more reliable and faster internet has never been greater in any of our lifetimes. It has become even more essential for schools, businesses, health care, and first responders. Central Springs is extremely pleased with the work that WCTA has done at our school. It is important for rural schools and cities to be able to compete with larger urban areas, and offering fiber services such as this one is a very important piece to those efforts.

WCTA will do a fine job integrating your fiber and supporting the city of Manly for the future. We offer this project our utmost support.

Sincerely,

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July 24, 2020

The City of Manly supports WCTA bringing fiber optic service to our community. As a rural community internet services are few and select, as well as landline phone options and cable TV. At City Hall, we have received many positive inputs from citizens who are aware of the service provided by WCTA to farms south of Manly

Businesses, existing and potential, would benefit from improved fiber optic service. Internet speeds would be upgraded tremendously, improving business productivity. Expanded speed and bandwidth of fiber optic service would provide faster access to cloud storage, where many businesses store data and other applications. Fiber optic internet connectivity would be significantly more reliable. Fiber optic service provides increased security because fiber optics does not radiate a signal, data cannot be extracted, making it more sure. Finally, the fiber optic service would be able to hand the increase demand for more bandwidth into the future. As you can see, a new fiber optic service would provide opportunities for existing businesses to expand but also for our community to attract new businesses and new residents. Residents who may telecommute require a reliable internet system.

The advantages of fiber optic services to businesses would be shared by Manly citizens. Along with the benefits listed above, Manly residents could more reliably access hospitals, area libraries, and the fire department and other public safety organizations. Public safety would be improved with fiber optic service, particularly as many of our firefighter volunteers rely on internet services to respond to emergencies. Manly citizens could connect more efficiently to tele-medicine services. Improved internet services would provide more distance learning opportunities for all students – from elementary to college. This is especially important as Manly is a rural community.

There is a high probability that much of the 2020-2021 upcoming school year will be internet based due to the Covid-19 issues.

As you can see, a fiber optic service to Manly would make a tremendous difference to our community. We support WCTA's efforts to secure a grant to bring fiber optic service to Manly.

Sincerely,

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City of Manly



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To whom it may concern:

As the IT Support for Viafield Cooperative, I would like to show support for the expansion of the WCTA Fiber Optic Services to include the town of Manly, Iowa. Rural community internet services are critical to help us close the gap to providing equal services to all members of our cooperative and our communities. In this ever changing world, high speed internet is no longer a nicety but rather a necessity.

With more people needing dependable internet services WCTA is answering the call to help in this area of need. Now is the time to show our support for making sure all our members as well as employees can stay connected to get the job done. This expansion of the WCTA Fiber Optic Services is not only great for us here at the cooperative but it benefits all businesses and schools in the area. This makes our community more viable to new families, homeowners and businesses looking to locate in the area. We know that even our youngest students are using technology in new and innovative ways daily. By upgrading our internet system it will support our students of today as well as those of tomorrow and beyond.

An often overlooked benefit of having WCTA Fiber Optic Services in the area is the opportunity to have families spend more time together. With the world where it is and people spending more time at home simple things like watching movies together or video chatting with loved ones who cannot leave their apartment have taken on even more of a priority. With the addition of fiber optics families can check-in on and visit with their family members while keeping them safe and secure.

Fiber optic service to Manly will change people's lives for the better and for this reason I support the expansion and I hope you will as well.

Thank you.

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