



July 2, 2021

To whom it may concern,

United Farmers Cooperative (UFC) is a member owned agricultural cooperative with 23 locations in southern Iowa and northern Missouri. We serve producers in the areas of grain, agronomy, feed, energy and retail. Our mission is, "to provide *innovative* services, products and knowledge, for the benefit of our members, while exploring opportunities for the future."

In our effort to fulfill our mission, one of the greatest challenges we have in our geography is reliable internet access. Today, the agriculture industry is driven by precision agriculture which relies on connectivity and data driven decision making. This is only made possible with reliable, high-speed internet. Not only does it impact our organization, but also each of our 4,000+ member-owner's farming operations and businesses. Examples include, the data being transferred during planting and harvest seasons and equipment monitoring. In addition, notifications are sent to our feed mills, when livestock feed needs to be delivered, and to fuel trucks, for delivery of propane and petroleum.

UFC strongly supports the broadband project being proposed by Ringgold County Development Corporation and Lockridge Networks. We currently have a partnership with Lockridge to provide access to our facilities to house elevated equipment in our eastern geography and have agreed to do the same in the proposed buildout of the network in Ringgold and Union Counties. Not only will this project benefit our member-owners, it will also promote economic development in the communities we serve on a much larger scale.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Shields".

David Shields  
IT Department Manager  
United Farmers Cooperative



UNION COUNTY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION  
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July 19, 2021

Office of the Chief Information Officer of the State of Iowa  
200 E Grand Ave.  
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Phone: (515) 281-5503

RE: Letter of Support - Union County, Iowa Application for Broadband Funding Assistance.

Dear Review Committee:

I am writing this letter to express our full support of the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband grant application for Lockridge Networks. We started working with Lockridge Networks earlier this year based upon recommendation from Jodie Geist, director of Ringgold County Development Corporation. It became evident that Lockridge Networks has the capability and is able to build out a network that will serve not only all but the most remote areas of both Ringgold and Union Counties. We are excited about the opportunity their state of the art technology will bring to overcome barriers of access to broadband.

With the assistance of this grant, Lockridge Networks will develop a network that will enable us to overcome geographical distances and reach underserved areas in order for residents to access services such as telehealth, distance learning and engage in quality agribusiness activities.

We recently completed a survey with nearly 210 responses that demonstrates the demand and need to bring a broadband service provider to the area. UCDA and Lockridge Networks continue to work together to address the lack of options for residents of Union County. Therefore, it is vital that we have the necessary financial assistance through this broadband grant program to build out the proposed network. Feel free to contact me directly to discuss this project further at 641-782-2003 or [director@unioncountyiowa.com](mailto:director@unioncountyiowa.com)

Thank you for your consideration.

Cordially,

Wayne J. Pantini, CECd - Executive Director  
Union County Development Association

**Diagonal**403 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
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Superintendent  
Elementary PrincipalLorna Paxson  
Middle School/Sr. High  
Principal

July 21, 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of the Broadband Project for Ringgold County. As Superintendent of Diagonal Community School located in Diagonal, Iowa, I understand first-hand how critical it is that our students and their families have access to dependable and reliable internet.

The critical need for reliable broadband connectivity became more apparent during the past Covid shut-down and will continue to be very important with possible shut-downs in the future due to a possible Covid resurgence. We are a 1- 1 school where each student has their own computer. But these devices are only useful in a home setting, if there is reliable and reasonably priced internet connection. Even if school is in normal session, internet connectivity is critical for homework, research and progress monitoring on a daily basis for both students and their families.

Broadband services are also an important part of economic development for Ringgold County. With more flexibility to work from home, workers must have dependable internet. Businesses are also more likely to locate in areas that have broadband. Lack of broadband in Ringgold County is a hindrance to any type of progress. It's the equivalent to not having a road to get to and from your home.

I appreciate your consideration in this manner and look forward to supporting this project. Please contact me if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Karleen Stephens, Superintendent  
Diagonal Community School



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RE: Letter of Support – Union County, Iowa Application for Broadband Funding Assistance

Dear Review Committee,

I have had the privilege to serve as the CEO of Greater Regional Health for almost twenty years. During my tenure we have navigated many changes and challenges in healthcare. Greater Regional Health supports the Empower Iowa Rural Broadband grant application for Lockridge Networks with the belief it will improve healthcare in our communities.

Many of the services that Greater Regional provides are not available in our satellite communities. Access to broadband will support and enhance our ability to provide telehealth services and improve access and outcomes for patients in our rural area. Improved telehealth delivery will provide excellent opportunity to connect rural patients with specialists and primary care providers. Broadband also offers outreach opportunity as Greater Regional expands programs for Chronic Care Management and Patient Care Coordination.

I fully support the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband grant application and know it would be of great benefit to this area.

Sincerely,

Monte Neitzel, CEO  
Greater Regional Health

July 20, 2021

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RE: Letter of Support – Union County, Iowa Application for Broadband Funding Assistance

Dear Review Committee:

On behalf of Southwestern Community College, I am writing to express my enthusiastic support of the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband grant application for Lockridge Networks. The College serves some of the most remote areas of the state of Iowa and the lack of reliable access to broadband is one of the largest barriers our students struggle with on a daily basis. We are very excited about the difference this grant would make in the educational experiences of so many of our students.

This grant would allow Lockridge Networks to develop a network enabling residents in the area easy access to the services and programs the College offers. After learning in 2020 how to provide many quality opportunities to our constituents via a digital platform, it would be very beneficial to know we can expand our services to the more remote areas of Ringgold and Union county via virtual delivery.

The lack of reliable broadband is the largest complaint we hear from our non-housing students. This grant could completely remove this barrier. This would truly be a game changer for the field of education. It is exciting to know we may finally have a solution to the largest problem the majority of our students encounter on a daily basis.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Marjorie Welch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Marjorie Welch  
President  
Southwestern Community College



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RE: Letter of Support - Union County, Iowa Application for Broadband Funding Assistance.

Dear Review Committee:

I am writing this letter to express our support of the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband grant application for Lockridge Networks. Our County Development group started working with Lockridge Networks earlier this year based upon a recommendation from Jodie Geist, director of Ringgold County Development Corporation. It was evident that Lockridge Networks has the capability to build out a network that will deliver internet service to un-served parts of our County and also provide options where there has been only one provider. We are excited about this opportunity.

With the assistance of this grant, Lockridge Networks will develop a network that will enable us to overcome geographical distances and reach underserved areas and make it possible for our residents to access services such as telehealth, distance learning and engage in quality agribusiness activities. This also gives people an option to work from home if they so choose.

We recently completed a survey with nearly 210 responses that demonstrates the demand and need to bring a broadband service provider to the area. It is vital that we have the necessary financial assistance through this broadband grant program to build out the proposed network. Feel free to contact me directly to discuss this project further at 641-782-2195 or at [rhuewe@fnbc.bank](mailto:rhuewe@fnbc.bank) Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Randy Huewe, President & CEO  
First National Bank in Creston

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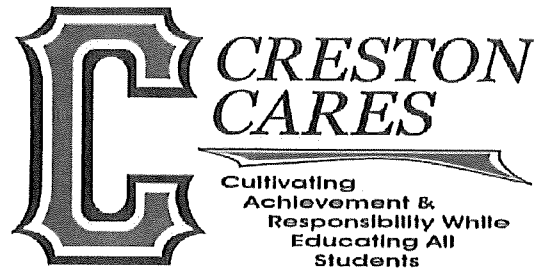
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RE: Letter of Support - Union County, Iowa Application for Broadband Funding Assistance

Dear Review Committee:

As a rural school leader, I am writing this letter in support of the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband grant application for Lockridge Networks. Our students, staff, and families faced the challenges of dependable internet service as they participated in remote learning during the pandemic. Not only is our rural district challenged with dependable internet access, but also our community. Our community is also economically hindered as more than 60% of our families are eligible for free or reduced meals and do not have the resources to obtain internet services. While the district supplied more than 80% of our families with hot spots, the challenge of maintaining a reliable connection was limited and presented challenges for both students and instructors.

Furthermore, our community is not able to develop and grow as much as it would like to because of the limited ability for entrepreneurship or at-home businesses to develop without dependable internet access. Our students and families should have the same access to reliable internet services as the many urban and metro schools and communities. Fair and equal access should not be determined by a zip code. To be a stronger community and the best state, we need to level the playing field and have state wide access to broadband.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss this and answer any questions you may have. Thank you for considering our students, school, and communities.

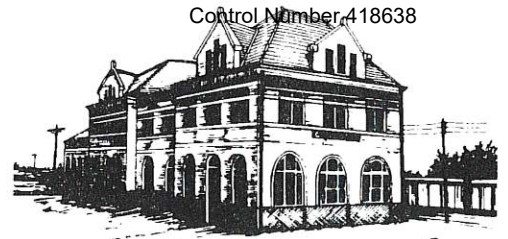
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'D Stender'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'D' being a large, stylized letter.

Deron Stender, Superintendent

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July 20, 2021

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RE: Letter of Support – Union County, Iowa Application for Broadband Funding Assistance

Dear Review Committee:

I am writing this letter to express our support for the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband grant application for Lockridge Networks. Lockridge Networks has shown continued growth and expanded services to some of the most remote and poorer counties across southern Iowa.

Residents in these remote areas of Ringgold and Union County need this grant funding to be awarded to Lockridge Networks in order for the broadband network to expand and provide opportunities that a higher speed of data transmission permit such as videoconferencing for telehealth and direct access to education. Without reliable broadband these rural residents will be forced to continue to travel for these services and opportunities. High speed internet will also provide global information and cultural resources in these areas as well.

It is very important that Lockridge Networks be awarded this grant funding in order for the project to be completed in a timely fashion and be successful.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael A. Taylor".

Michael A. Taylor – City Administrator



July 22, 2021

Office of the Chief Information Officer of the State of Iowa  
200 East Grand Avenue  
Des Moines IA 50309

RE: Letter of Support – Union County, Iowa Application for Broadband Funding Assistance

Dear Review Committee:

On behalf of the Creston Chamber of Commerce I am writing this letter of support for the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant Application of Lockridge Networks. Currently we as a County have areas of the have and have nots in Broadband. We have been at the mercy of our current providers who have been slow to react to the changing broadband demands in our area. Working with Lockridge Networks will help level the playing field for all of our citizens no matter where they live in Union County.

Several of the lessons learned from the COVID Pandemic were the importance of reliable broadband and access to it as well. If we hope to continue to attract businesses and people to Creston and Union County and remain the hub of SW Iowa it is critical that the opportunity that Lockridge Networks brings to us with their knowledge and technology be approved. With the approval of this application those issues will go a long way in being alleviated for us and we can continue to market our community and area as a place for all to come to Live, Work and Call Home.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Ellen Gerharz".

Ellen Gerharz  
Executive Director  
Creston Chamber of Commerce

7/22/2021

Office of the Chief Information Officer

200 E. Grand Avenue

Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Re: Letter of Support, Union County, Iowa Application for Broadband Funding Assistance

Dear Review Committee:

I am writing this letter in full support of the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband grant application for Lockridge Networks.

With the assistance of this grant, Lockridge Networks will develop a network that will enable us to overcome geographical distances and reach underserved areas in order for residents to access services such as telehealth, distance learning and engage in quality agribusiness activities.

The local workforce development board's vision is to meet the employment and training needs of employers and job seekers, both unemployed and under-employed, in the Southwest Iowa Workforce Area. This vision is impossible without the broadband capacity, which this project would allow.

Our rural workforce area is underserved with internet connectivity, and we experience this as a significant disadvantage across many sectors: from our students' ability to compete in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, to our local job seekers and employers. Therefore, it is vital that we have the necessary financial assistance through this broadband grant program to build out the proposed network. Feel free to contact me directly to discuss this project further at 641-202-6821 or [director.swlwdb@gmail.com](mailto:director.swlwdb@gmail.com). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Michelle Wilson

Executive Director

Southwest Iowa Local Workforce Development Board

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RE: Letter of Support - Union County, Iowa Application for Broadband Funding Assistance.

Dear Review Committee:

On behalf of the Union County Board of Supervisor, I would like to express our strong support of the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband grant application for Lockridge Networks. We are excited about the opportunity to bring their state-of-the-art broadband technology to all of Union County.

It is our understanding that this grant opportunity will help expand services to the more rural parts of Union County and will improve access to broadband and give residents more than one option for service as well as reach areas the have no access. We support efforts to improve broadband access and speed. In addition, this project will help retain residents that contribute to our workforce and student body. The Union County Board of Supervisors strongly encourages review committee to fund the broadband grant application for this much needed project. Feel free to contact me directly to discuss this project further at 641-782-0758 or [rriley@unioncountyiowa.org](mailto:rriley@unioncountyiowa.org)

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, 



Ron Riley  
Union County Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Francine Ide  
Ide Farms, Inc.  
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Shannon City, Iowa 50861

July 21, 2021

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Dear Review Committee:

I am writing this letter to express my full support of the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband grant application for Lockridge Networks. This is a wonderful opportunity to invest in necessary broadband services for our local residents.

As a full-time farmer, our family relies heavily on the Internet in our daily operations. From accessing online market information, to bidding on livestock or equipment during online sales, or even to checking the weather to identify the best time for field operations, reliable Internet service is imperative for the success of our farm. Unfortunately, up to this point, our options have been extremely limited and our service unreliable during poor weather conditions. This translates to interruptions in our business, such as a lost bid on a group of cattle for sale or the inability to purchase vaccines online to work our livestock the next day. In addition, we utilize the Internet to communicate with our local FSA/NRCS offices, for professional training/certifications and research, and to troubleshoot mechanical issues for our equipment. As you can see, affordable, reliable Internet service is invaluable for our family and business.

Our family farm is located in a remote area of the county and has been underserved in this technology for too long. I formerly was a college instructor and taught online classes from my home for approximately seven years. Far too often, I struggled to have a quality connection that made it difficult to log on to a course or even email students if the internet was down. Although I'm no longer teaching from home, I know there are many other individuals who work remotely that would greatly benefit from Lockridge Networks developing broadband service in this area.

I am just one of many in our region who are excited about the prospect of Lockridge Networks building out a network here. This would serve as a catalyst to generate more remote job opportunities for our rural residents, as well as provide a dependable internet service as we utilize the internet in our daily operations. I strongly encourage you to consider approving the grant application for Lockridge Networks. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at (641) 344-2225 or [francine\\_ide@hotmail.com](mailto:francine_ide@hotmail.com).

Sincerely,

Francine Ide  
Ide Farms, Inc.

*City of Diagonal*  
308 Broadway PO Box 82 Diagonal, Iowa  
Phone/Fax 641-734-5491

July 26, 2021

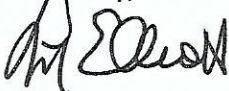
To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is being to support the Lockridge Networks broadband application for Ringgold County. My name is Lester Elliott and I am a City Council member for the Town of Diagonal, located in Ringgold County. In visiting with the Diagonal community, many residents, especially in the rural areas do not have internet, or if they do, it is very slow and is not reliable.

Over the past several months members of the Diagonal City Council and local residents have been on the broadband committee that was established for Ringgold County to explore options and figure out how to obtain reliable broadband service for the County. This committee has met for a year now, and after many conversations with broadband companies, Lockridge Networks has been the broadband company that has stepped up to the plate, and has worked hard to develop a plan to bring reliable and robust broadband to the residents of the county, both city and rural. They have shared how they can provide service to those hard-to-reach rural area, and they have a sincere interest in serving the people of Ringgold County.

On behalf of the Mayor of Diagonal, and the City Council members, we fully support Lockridge Networks application to bring Broadband to the residents of the Diagonal community and Ringgold County. Thank you for your consideration to fund this project.

Sincerely,



Lester Elliott

July 12, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Cecil Dolecheck, write to you today in support of *Lockridge Networks* broadband application to bring broadband to all the residents of Ringgold County. This project will have a direct impact on our County's economic growth, telehealth capabilities, educational opportunities, and providing remote workers the broadband services required to be able to work from home in the rural areas. I respectfully request this project be reviewed for full consideration for funding.

As a Representative of Ringgold County and House district 24, I assure you this project has our community's support. I highly recommend this project receive your consideration for the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant Program.

Should you have any questions about the impact on our community this project would have, please feel free to reach out to me at \_\_\_\_\_ . or call me at 641.464.2913

Thank you for considering our project request.

Sincerely,



Cecil Dolecheck



117 S. Fillmore Street, Mount Ayr, IA 50854

*Jodie Geist, Executive Director*

July 7, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

As the Executive Director for Ringgold County Development Corporation (RCDC), Broadband is a much-needed service for the residents of Ringgold County. Broadband service in our rural area is becoming critical due to remote workers who are moving into the county, spurring economic growth.

As a retired teacher of 38 years and teaching remotely for 9 weeks during the 2019-2020 school year, I saw firsthand the lack of broadband services, especially in the rural areas. I knew that when I became the Executive Director for RCDC in June of 2020 Broadband for the County would be one of my first initiatives. I have led a committee since July of 2020 who all had one goal, and that was to get Broadband services to all residents of Ringgold County. First, we had to find a broadband company who would provide this service, which we did. Secondly came funding, and this grant opportunity became available.

I have worked closely with the team at Lockridge Networks since August of 2020. I find the company very professional and truly have their customer needs at the top of their list, working their hardest to get broadband services to anyone who wants service.

Two surveys created by Lockridge Networks have been completed by Ringgold County residents, 224 responses on the initial survey and 433 responses on the most recent survey as of June 21, 2021. These surveys have identified broadband needs and have guided Lockridge in rolling out their Broadband plan to the residents of Ringgold County. Lockridge and RCDC continue to work collaboratively to meet the broadband needs of Ringgold County residents.

If you would like to discuss the need in Ringgold County, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. In closing, Ringgold County Development Corporation is asking that you fund Lockridge Networks broadband application for Ringgold County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jodie Geist".

Ms. Jodie Geist, Executive Director

Ringgold County Development Corporation

117 S. Fillmore Street

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June 23, 2021

RE: Letter of Support – Ringgold County, Iowa Application for Broadband Funding Assistance

To Whom It May Concern:

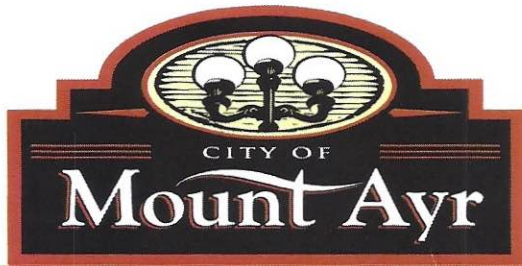
Southwest Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative is a member-owned electric distribution cooperative serving in 11 counties in Southwest Iowa which includes Ringgold County.

Recent surveys of and discussions with our member-owners show that a reliable and robust broadband connection is an underserved need in our service territory and especially in Ringgold County where over 20% of the households are without basic internet access and those that do have a connection suffer from inadequate speeds. As we all know, a reliable and robust broadband connection is a necessity in today's world and economy. The lack of availability to this basic need is depriving many Ringgold County residents of the opportunities that broadband has to offer.

For the past year, I have participated in the Ringgold County Broadband Task Force to help alleviate the concerns noted above. Many hurdles remain, one of which is adequate financing to bring reliable and robust broadband to the Ringgold County area. Southwest Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative supports the grant application from Ringgold County for funding assistance and we stand ready to help the project along when and where possible.

Sincerely,

Phil Kinser  
CEO



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July 12, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

As the Mayor of the City of Mount Ayr, I am writing you in support of the Ringgold County broadband application that has been submitted by Lockridge Networks.

In a town of 1600 people, and a Ringgold County population of approximately 5,000 people, broadband is a necessity for all residents not only for Mount Ayr, but for the County. Currently, broadband is very poor in the majority of the County. As the Mayor of Mount Ayr, and the county seat for Ringgold County, I support the application to bring broadband services to Mount Ayr and all of Ringgold County.

Thank you for your consideration to fund the Lockridge Networks application to provide broadband services to Ringgold County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Fetty", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

Steve Fetty, Mayor  
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sfetty@mchsi.com

July 10, 2021

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

My name is Bill Wells. I live at Sun Valley Lake in Ringgold County, and I want to officially submit a request for better Broadband service for our county.

My wife and I moved from the Des Moines metro area in Polk County to Sun Valley Lake on a fulltime basis in 2020 during the Covid-19 pandemic. We felt it was a much safer environment to isolate during Covid. As many absolute positives we do have living in this area, the one thing we have found to be hugely deficient is the Broadband service.

Being retired means my wife and I do not require high end Broadband service as much as other people may, and yet it really does affect our day-to-day activities. Very frustrating. Last year during the height of the Covid pandemic, there were many, many people working from their lake homes, again in an effort to isolate, remain safe and still work their jobs. The frustration from the available Broadband services was evident. There wasn't a week that went by that someone didn't post a request on the lake website for recommendations for better Broadband service. To me, this makes it obvious there is an opportunity for more growth in this area with the proper technology. We all need gasoline, groceries, clothing, medical services, etc. The potential opportunities for small businesses to start up are here; adequate Broadband service is a must for that to happen!

I would be happy to talk with you if you would like my input. Please feel free to contact me directly @ [willywells@aol.com](mailto:willywells@aol.com), or 515-250-0640.

Thank you!

Bill Wells  
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July 9, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the City Clerk/Treasurer for the City of Kellerton, a small town in Ringgold County and I am writing today in support of the Lockridge Broadband Project.

Kellerton is just one of the many rural towns in all of Ringgold County that would benefit from adding a signal to our water tower to improve the broadband in our area. The need is great...far and wide. While attending a recent meeting regarding the mapping for the county, a discussion took place on the cost for the broadband and the fact that the possibilities of lines dropping would be far less if not at all, and the cost for our community would incomparably less by far.

As a small municipality, we are always striving for a stronger broadband signal and a more efficient way of communicating with the citizens in our community.

Broadband is how we operate. Without it, we simply cannot! We live, we eat, we play, we work, we educate, we shop, we do it all by broadband.

As leaders of our community, the least we should be able to afford our citizens is a stronger broadband signal.

On behalf of the Mayor and the Council Members for the City of Kellerton, we fully support the Lockridge Broadband Project. We urge you to do the same.

Respectfully submitted,



City Clerk/Treasurer

# *Mount Ayr Community School District*



Home of the Raiders and Raiderettes

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Mount Ayr, IA 50854  
641-464-0500

**PK-6 Principal- Chris Elwood**  
**7-12 Principal – Bill Huntington**  
**Superintendent of Schools – Jason Shaffer**

To Whom It May Concern:

We would like to share our letter of support for the broadband application for Ringgold County, Iowa. This would directly help our Public School and our ability to provide a quality education for our students. The support to help implement broadband would help our county businesses, citizens, and overall develop for Ringgold County. This opportunity is one that we need for our County and hope the committee takes a good luck at our current lack of broadband in South Central Iowa and makes this commitment to support our citizens in Ringgold County...

Thank You

Mr. Shaffer  
641-464-0506  
Superintendent of Mount Ayr Community Schools



# Board of Supervisors

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Steve Knapp

July 1, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Steve Knapp and I have been elected to serve as a Supervisor for Ringgold County. In my role as a Supervisor, I am very aware of the Broadband needs for Ringgold County, especially in the rural areas. Over the past several months, I have been a member of the Broadband Committee, who is leading the movement to get Broadband into our County.

This letter is to endorse my support for Lockridge Networks grant application for Ringgold County Broadband. I would ask that you support this application to bring broadband access to the 5000 plus residents of Ringgold County.

Please reach out to me if you have any additional questions at [sknapp1970@gmail.com](mailto:sknapp1970@gmail.com) or by phone, 641-202-4804. Again, thank you for your support for this critical need for Ringgold County.

Sincerely,

Steve Knapp  
Ringgold County Board of Supervisor