Resolution 2022-

SAWYER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AMENDED RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BROADBAND EXPANSION PROPOSAL FROM NORVADO

WHEREAS, Sawyer County (the “County”) continues to strive in expansion of broadband technology available to its residents and visitors;

WHEREAS, Norvado is a provider of broadband services to the area in and around the County;

WHEREAS, Norvado presented a proposal for expansion of broadband services in the Clam Lake and Winter Township areas (the “Norvado Proposal”) at the County Finance Committee on February 10, 2022. A summary of the Norvado Proposal is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A.

WHEREAS, the Norvado Proposal sets forth a County contribution of $100,000.00 in American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) funds, and such contribution assumes additional funds will be provided.

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee voted to recommend that the County Board approve the Norvado Proposal;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 65.90(5)(a) and Rule 7(12) of the County Board of Supervisors (“County Board”) Policy and Procedure Manual, the County Board must approve the County contribution of $100,000.00 set forth in the Norvado Proposal by a two-third (2/3) vote of the County Board membership;

WHEREAS, the County Board reviewed and discussed the contents of this Resolution at its meeting on February 17, 2022, and County Board determined that it is in the best interest of the County to commit County funds in the amount of $100,000.00 in ARPA funds and approve the Norvado Proposal based on the terms and conditions therein and described in Exhibit A, including the conditions detailed below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County Board determines the following:

1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct, and are hereby incorporated into this Resolution.

2. Approval of Norvado Proposal: Conditions. The County Board hereby approves the Norvado Proposal and commits $100,000.00 in ARPA funds to the broadband expansion project described in the Norvado Proposal with the following conditions:

a. Each funding contribution set forth in Norvado Proposal must be secured to the satisfaction of the County.

b. All other necessary governmental approvals for the broadband expansion project set forth in the Norvado Proposal are secured, including but not limited to the State of Wisconsin Public Service Commission.

c. This Resolution supersedes Resolution 2022-09 to Approve Broadband Expansion Proposal from Norvado approved at the February 10, 2022 Board of Supervisors monthly meeting.

In the event any conditions are not met to the County’s satisfaction, the County shall have no obligation to contribute or otherwise spend County funds for the broadband expansion project described in the Norvado Proposal.
3. **Health, Welfare and Safety.** The County’s approval of this Resolution and the Norvado Proposal is beneficial to the health, welfare and safety of the County’s residents, taxpayers and visitors.

This Resolution is recommended for adoption by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors at its meeting on March 31, 2022, by this Sawyer County Finance Committee on this March 31, 2022.

Bruce Paulsen, Chair

Ron Kinsley, Vice Chair

Dawn Petit, Member

Stacey Hessel, Member

Tom Duffy, Member

This Resolution is hereby adopted by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors this 31st day of March, 2022.

Tweed Shuman, Sawyer County Board of Supervisors Chairman

Lynn Fitch, Sawyer County Clerk

Exhibit A – Maps of Project

Exhibit B – Norvado Email Coversheet
From: Leo Carlson <lcarlson@norvado.com>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 11:07 AM
To: Mike Keefe <mike.keefe@sawyercountygov.org>
Subject: Sawyer County Public Works Meeting

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Mike,
Unfortunately, we do not have anyone available on short notice to attend the Public Works meeting tonight but we would be happy to attend any future meetings.

We have revised our original grant application and in modifying the maps, we found that instead of serving only 1,270 locations, we will be able to serve 1,518. This is an additional 248 Sawyer County locations. These new areas are in the Moose Lake/Clam Lake area. We made this change because after the Sawyer County Board Meeting of February 17, the Town of Draper has requested that we not serve their area. We were able to comply with their request and completely remove the Town of Draper from our application. (Please see the attached map showing the new route and locations.)

We are very happy being able to provide Fiber Broadband services to several areas and communities in Sawyer County and we look forward to many more years of working together. We wish the Town of Draper, and all other Sawyer County applicants, all the best in this round of PSC Broadband Expansion Grants.

Please let me know if there are any questions that I can answer.

Leo Carlson
CHIEF SALES & MARKETING OFFICER

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