BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 3

Resolution Supporting Mosaic Technologies, Inc., Cameron, WI, State of Wisconsin, Broadband Expansion Grant

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, Mosaic Technologies, Inc., (Mosaic), located in Cameron, Wi., is interested in applying for and receiving a State of Wisconsin Broadband Expansion Grant, as announced by Governor Tony Evers on November 9th, 2021, to expand broadband infrastructure high-speed fiber lines primarily in the Township of Prairie Lake, (North Chetek Fiber Expansion), and the Township of Almena, (Township of Almena Fiber Expansion), in Barron County, and

WHEREAS, Mosaic has been in business for more than 100 years and currently provides a multi-faceted array of quality telecommunications products and services, and

WHEREAS, If Mosaic is successful in receiving these grant dollars it is anticipated that the North Chetek Fiber Expansion, will encompass an area of 6.2 miles of mainline, 198 locations passed, and 1.6 square miles, and the Almena Fiber Expansion will encompass an area of 27.75 miles of mainline, 319 locations passed, 14.4 square miles, and

WHEREAS, These grant dollars will be used by Mosaic in continuity with other possible grant dollars such as American Rescue Plan Act Funding, Wisconsin Public Service Commission Grant Funding and Asset/Infrastructure improvement funds directly from Mosaic Technologies, and

WHEREAS, This expansion of connectivity and reliability is a matter of economic development, education assistance, (EC 3.1-3.5), which is critical to business expansion and educational assistance and which the Barron County Board of Supervisor supports, and

WHEREAS, The drafting of this resolution has the support of Barron County Economic Development Director Dave Armstrong, and

WHEREAS, Due to the relatively short timeline for submitting this grant application this resolution was put forth by Chair Okey, and

WHEREAS, This Broad Band expansion is in the following Barron County Supervisory Districts: (2022-2032 Supervisory District, Maps)

#4., Supervisor Terry Lee (North Chetek Fiber Expansion),

#8., Supervisor Gary Taxdahl (Township of Almena Fiber Expansion)

#27., Supervisor Bill Effertz (Township of Almena Fiber Expansion)

WHEREAS, The November 9th, 2021 grant announcement for the Broad Band Expansion Grant is estimated to be \$100M, in total, for the State of Wisconsin with this grant application estimated at approximately \$3M.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Barron County Board of Supervisor does by passage of this Resolution fully support Mosaic Technologies grant application for the State of Wisconsin Broadband Expansion Grant, supporting broadband infrastructure improvements in Barron County, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be distributed to the appropriate Federal and State Officials as necessary, and

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

OFFERED THIS 9th day of February, 2022.

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