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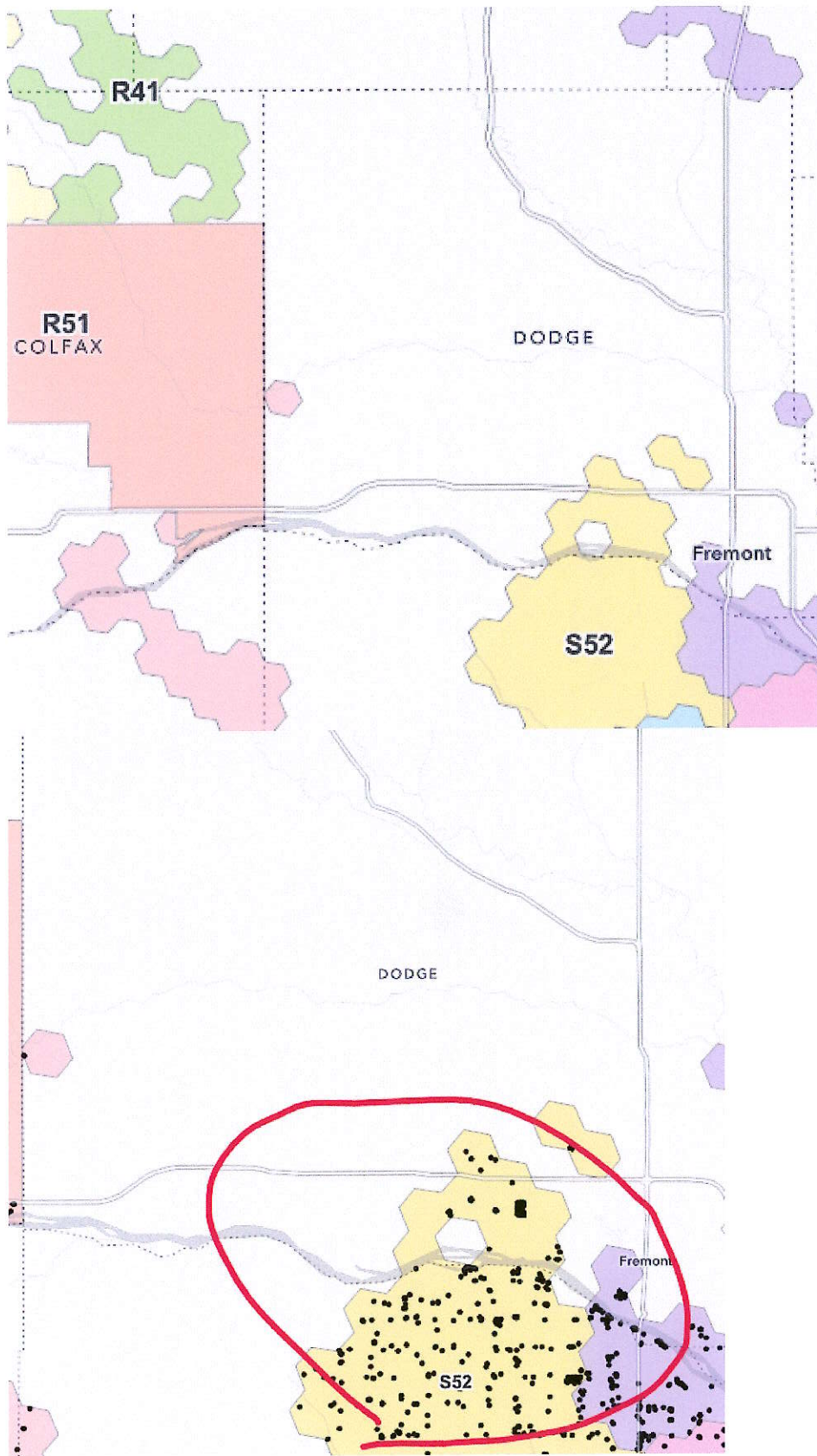
From: Ebony Cooksey <ecooksey@team.nxlink.com>
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 9:55 AM
To: Dodge County Clerk
Cc: Aaron Clark; Bob Missel
Subject: Broadband Development for DODGE County NE and Nextlink Internet's Request for Support for NE BEAD Grant Application
Attachments: Nebraska BEAD Nextlink Letter of Support Template.docx
Importance: High

Good Morning Micki,

I hope this email finds you and all **Dodge County** Officials doing well. I am emailing you to officially request **Dodge County's** support for our Nebraska BEAD Grant Application. As you may be aware, [Nextlink Internet](#) provides active service for rural constituents within Fremont, Hooper, North Bend, Scribner and Uehling.

We are currently applying for the **Nebraska BEAD Broadband Equity Access and Deployment** Grant Funding Opportunity to serve the **BSLs Broadband Serviceable Locations** within the **Defined Project Areas (DPAs)** in your county. As part of the application process, providers are encouraged to demonstrate support from local stakeholders with oversight over the locations to be served. Your insights are vital to the success of both the grant application process and results that will impact your constituents.

For our Dodge **County** project, we will be addressing a total of **447 BSLs Broadband Serviceable locations** within **DPA S52**, using **Fiber technology** to connect these under and unserved locations.



NE BEAD DPAs Defined Project Areas and BSLs for Dodge County NE

We respectfully request your support for Nextlink Internet's proposed projects in the form of a **signed letter**. An endorsement from the **Board of Supervisors** would be invaluable in helping us secure the necessary funding to improve internet access and bridge the digital divide for underserved areas within the county.

Receipt of your support before the April 7th deadline would be greatly appreciated.

For your convenience, an attached a letter of support template has been provided to assist in this process. Feel free to insert the county's letterhead and revise the template to suit the county's word preference. You may also find more details regarding the NBEAD Program here: [NBEAD - Nebraska Broadband](#).

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- February 7 – OA portal opens for 30 days • March 9, 11:59PM – OA portal closes *A list of Approved Applicants will be published to NBO's website – only Approved Applicants will be able to submit PAs

broadband.nebraska.gov

Thank you in advance for working with us to further close the digital divide for **Dodge County** and for considering our request. We look forward to your response and to collaborating with you on this highly important initiative.

Regards,

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March 19, 2025

Nebraska Broadband Office
P.O. Box 3395
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Dear Members of the Nebraska Broadband Office,

We are writing to express our strong support for Nextlink Internet's grant application under the Nebraska BEAD *Broadband Equity Access and Deployment* funding opportunity. As a local stakeholder in Dodge County, we are acutely aware of the critical need for reliable and affordable internet connectivity in our rural communities.

Nextlink Internet has a proven track record of providing high-quality, affordable, and reliable connectivity to rural areas across Nebraska. Their commitment to addressing the connectivity needs of under and unserved areas has been evident through their ongoing efforts and successful projects in our region. By expanding their services, Nextlink Internet has significantly contributed to bridging the digital divide and enhancing the quality of life for our residents.

It is our understanding that the **Defined Project Areas (DPAs)** identified in each respective county are in dire need of improved broadband infrastructure. Nextlink Internet's experience and dedication make them an ideal candidate to address these needs effectively. Their innovative solutions and community-focused approach ensure that even the most remote areas receive the connectivity required for educational, economic, and social development.

Supporting Nextlink Internet's grant application will not only enhance internet access but also foster economic growth, improve educational opportunities, and strengthen community ties. I am confident that their continued efforts will have a lasting positive impact on our rural communities.

Thank you for considering this letter of support. I urge you to approve Nextlink Internet's grant application for the Nebraska BEAD Funding opportunity, as it will greatly benefit the residents of Dodge County and beyond.

Sincerely,

Bob Missel, Chairman
Dodge County Board of Supervisors