

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
LIFELINE/TRIBAL LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH
ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2024**

Company: West River Telecommunications Cooperative

Address: 101 Main St W, Hazen ND 58545

Telephone number: 701 748-2211

Company contact: Shannon Wendel

Study Area Code: 391671

Lifeline/Tribal Link Up Advertising/Outreach Activities:



Advertise in media of general distribution.* (See attached advertisement(s).)



Letter to existing and new customers regarding the availability of Lifeline/Tribal Link Up within 1st 30 days of service.* (See attached letter.)



Company's Lifeline/Tribal Link Up information in directory.



Company's Lifeline/Tribal Link Up information available on Company website. westriv.com/help-support/assistance-programs/



Company's information posted on USAC website.



Other (describe): Membership Notification Brochure

*Required

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe COURT DOCKET



This is the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal court docket. The court docket is public record and reflects actual convictions, not the original charges filed upon the defendants as this often changes. "Extra" conditions, such as probation, no alcohol use or orders to obtain chemical evaluations are not included as well as time suspended. A new condition has been added on to any sentence: Contact the Probation Officer within 1 week.

Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Court Docket for the week of Jan. 3, to Jan. 5, 2024. Associate Chief Judge Judith H. Roberts, Presiding.

Myron Iron Shield: Driving Without a License X2, Criminal Contempt, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Criminal Possession of Drugs, 90 days, \$ 650. Fines/cc;
 Robin Montclair: Criminal Contempt, 30 days, \$ 400. Fines/cc;
 Dylan Red Bow: Family Violence, Child Neg-

lect, 30 days, \$ 350. Fines/cc;
 Kimberly Red Bow: Child Neglect, 150 days, \$ 600. Fines/cc;
 Lakota Spotted Horse: Open Container in a Motor Vehicle, Criminal Contempt, 15 days, \$ 300. Fines/cc;
 Alex Three Fingers: Criminal Contempt, Disorderly Conduct, 60 days, \$ 300. Fines/cc;
 Kordell Walker: Domestic Violence, 10 days, \$ 200. Fines/cc;
 Jada Archambault: Child Neglect X4, Criminal Contempt, 210 days, \$ 1,100. Fines/cc;
 Renzo Bullhead: Driving Under the Influence, Speeding, Minor in Consumption, 30 days, \$ 465. Fines/cc;
 Patrick Diver: Criminal Contempt, Resisting Arrest, 10 days, \$ 250. Fines/cc;
 Johnston Elk: Driving Under the Influence, Open Container in a Motor Vehicle, Driving Without a License, Criminal Contempt, 60 days, \$ 575. Fines/cc;
 Trevor Conica: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, 30 days, \$ 400. Fines/cc;
 Merline White Eagle: Speeding, 0 days, \$ 145. Fines/cc;
 Alexandria Agard: Criminal Contempt, 0 days, \$ 150. Fines/cc;
 Jasten Yellow Hammer: Disorderly Conduct, 1 day, \$ 70. Fines/cc;
 Chantell Crow Ghost: Child Neglect X2, Child Abuse, Criminal Ingestion of Drugs While Pregnant, 120 days, \$ 900. Fines/cc;
 Chante Eagle Shield: Driving Without a License, 0 days, \$ 170. Fines/cc

Corson County Sheriff's Report

MCINTOSH, S.D. – The following report is submitted by Corson County Sheriff Alan Dale.

On Dec. 26, 2023, at 6:10 a.m., the Corson County Sheriff's Office assisted BIA Police with a domestic assault and a residence East of McLaughlin.

On Dec. 27, 2023, at 7:13 a.m., the Corson County Sheriff's Office responded to a single vehicle rollover accident on Highway 12, five miles West of McLaughlin.

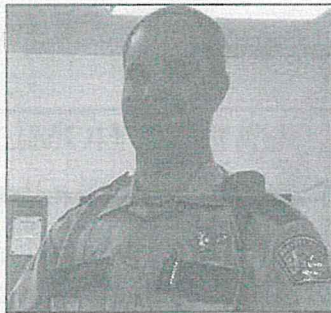
On Dec. 27, 2023, at 8:37 am, the Corson County Sheriff's Office received a report of a semi in the ditch by Morristown.

On Dec. 28, 2023, at 11:35 am, the Corson County Sheriff's Office responded to a two vehicle accident on Highway 12 in McIntosh.

On Jan. 3, 2024, at 9:40 am, the Corson County Sheriff's Office was contacted by an agency in Maryland and was advised that there was a male listed as a missing person since 1998 and is believed to have been tracked back to McLaughlin. The male was ultimately located at a residence in McLaughlin.

On Jan. 4, 2024, at 4:54 pm, the Corson County Sheriff's Office responded to a car vs deer accident on Highway 12, nine miles East of McLaughlin.

On Jan. 6, 2024, at 2:23 pm, the Corson County Sheriff's Office conducted a traffic stop on Highway 12 by the Grand River



Sheriff Alan Dale

Bridge. The K9 was deployed on the vehicle. Following a K9 deployment, a probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted. The search revealed marijuana, THC concentrates, drug paraphernalia, and a firearm. A 44 year old male from Heidelberg, MN was arrested for: Possession Controlled Drug/Substance Schedule I; Possession of Marijuana 2 oz or less; Ingesting Substance Excluding Alcohol/To Intoxicant; Possession or Use Drug Paraphernalia by Driver.

The Corson County Sheriff's Office responded to 178 calls for service between Dec. 25, 2023 and Jan. 8, 2024.

Sioux County Sheriff's Report

FORT YATES, N.D. – This is the Sioux County Sheriff Michael Crow Feather's report.

Sioux County Shift Brief: Jan. 7 - 13, 2024.

Jan. 8, 2024, at 1022hrs Assisted BIA-OJS along with Standing Rock Game & Fish on a search of an residence in Long Soldier. A very large amount of fentanyl and cash was located. Two non-tribals were arrested and transported to Burleigh-Morton County Jail. Three tribal members were arrested taken to the Standing Rock BIA-OJS.

Jan. 9, 2024, at 0732HRS Traffic stop with motor vehicle on Hwy#24 at mm#10. Issued the tribal member a verbal warning for exceeding the posted speed limit in a school zone of 43/25 zone.

Jan. 9, 2024, at 0746HRS Traffic stop with motor vehicle on Hwy#24 at mm#10. Issued the tribal member a verbal warning for exceeding the posted speed limit in a school zone of 38/25 zone.

Jan. 10, 2024, at 0732HRS Traffic stop with motor vehicle on Hwy#24 at mm#10. Issued the tribal member a verbal warning for exceeding the posted speed limit in a school zone of 38/25 zone.

Jan. 10, 2024, at 1317HRS busy at Prairie Knights Casino and Lodge. Vehicle



Sheriff Michael Crow Feather

ran into the north lodge doors. Damage to casino property and the striking vehicle.

Jan. 11, 2024, Assist Standing Rock BIA-OJS Police Officer with gaining entry into a residence where a male had a medical issue. Entry was gained into the residence male was ok and refused medical help.

Jan. 12, 2024, At 1121HRS busy at motor vehicle crash scene on 95th Street, Selfridge. One vehicle rollover no injuries. Vehicle hit a ice patch and causing vehicle to slide and roll into the west bound ditch.



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Phone: 605-283-4235

Fax: 605-823-2292

Mail: P O Box 26

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Grand River Roundup

By: Betty Olson

It wasn't hard to remember winter this week with now and below zero temperatures! Jim Petik called to know that the Gideon that was supposed to be the Coal Springs church on Meadow on Sunday was red until Sunday, January use of the terrible cold r.

We lost another neighbor week. Lanny Anderson, rural Harding County, away at the Sanford Center in Bismarck trees and to vacuum repeat in the church, but ally we had a lot of good do all that. We got done e for me to go to Reva up Paisley and Huxton ly and Copper from the bus to take them home.

Some quilters started quilting church on Wednesday, wasn't there because I eye appointment with luid in Hettinger that son and then Reub and over to Bowman to pick new cell phones that Teri like McNelis got for us. I was supposed to deliver o the ranch but couldn't ur address on GPS so ropped them off at Dollar l in Bowman! We stopped der on the way home to coffee and visit with the e Pioneers.

It was 7 degrees below zero day morning when I went to quilt at the church that ith Linda Mohagen, Lori r, Margaretta Hanson, Wilkinson, and Connie ear and it just got colder a day went on. Bonnie came in the afternoon to ome beautiful quilts she to send up to Alaska.

Jan is going to call Alaska to see hem sent. Pastor have

the Harding County girls won. Reub's cousin, Lance Olson, called him from Great Falls, Montana on Friday and Lance said that it was 24 degrees below zero out there that day. It was only 6 below zero here, but Casey was going to take the Harding County wrestlers to a dual at Sully Buttes that day and a tournament in Gettysburg on Saturday that were called off because of the frigid cold that was predicted. Casey brought Cash Hanson home after wrestling practice Thursday night to take Fort Keogh, just outside of Miles City, Montana. Tad died of the Spanish Flu just shortly after writing the letter to his brother and Reub found a good picture

of Tad that was taken in the corral up at the old place in 1916. Reub's oldest uncle, Lance Olson, was paralyzed from the waist down because of an accident in 1913 up at the old place and he passed away in 1919 of blood poison after driving around in a Ford car with appliances he could use with his hands to run the foot feet while he was doing the arranging and advertising for the Ralph Wild West Show rodeo that his brothers Claude and John Olson put on. Both Lance and Tad are buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery at Reeder. Reub's Uncle Check Olson named one of his sons Lance and another son is named Tad after his brothers who died early.

Church was called off Sunday vacant due to the expiration of the present term or due to the resignation of office of the elective officer:
 City Council - Ward I - 2 year term
 City Council - Ward II - 1 year term
 City Council - Ward II - 2 year term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 26th, 2024 and petitions may be filed in the office of the Finance Officer located at City Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., mountain time no later than the February 23rd, 2024.

Jaycee Gehring
 Finance Officer
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hours. Nominating petitions for the offices of U.S. Representative, State Senate District 28 and State House District 28A must be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State, State Capitol Building, 500 E Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. central time.

Tammy Bertolotto
 Corson County Auditor
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NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR FILING NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION AND FOR FILING INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE PETITIONS

The deadline for filing nominating petitions for the primary election is March 26, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. mountain time. If a petition is mailed by registered mail by March 26, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. mountain time, it is considered filed.

The deadline for filing nominating must be filed in the office of the Corson County Auditor during regular business

Invitation to Comment on a Proposed Communications Tower Facility

All interested persons are invited to review and request further environmental processing of an FCC application for a proposed 300-foot (304 feet maximum) tower located at 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. (#37552-FC)



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The City of McLaughlin is currently accepting applications for a Full-Time

Deputy Finance Officer

Education:

- High School Diploma or GED Equivalent

Majority of duties include:

- Utility billing
- Payroll
- Receiving payments
- Bank deposits

Skills:

- Computer skills
- Good customer Service
- Mathematical computations

Benefits include paid health insurance, vacation, PTO, and SD State Retirement.

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MOBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING January 10, 2024 Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Mobridge, South Dakota was held in City Hall in said City on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 5:30 PM. Mayor Gene Cox, City Administrator/ Finance Officer Heather Beck and the following council members present: Mound, Cerney, Reichert, Jensen, Kemnitz and Carlson.

AGENDA: The agenda was approved on a motion by Reichert, second by Cerney, and carried with the following change: the addition of discussion on the parking ordinance and moving the February meeting.

MINUTES: Moved by Mound, second by Carlson and carried, to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2023 regular meeting. Moved by Kemnitz, second by Reichert and carried, to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2023 special meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM & VISITORS: Charlie Baker and Kent Penney with KLJ Engineering was present to discuss the future projects of the airport. Their recommendation is to complete a master plan. The last one was done in 2005. The cost is approximately \$350,000 with a local share of \$17,500. This will help in future planning and determining necessary projects.

DEPT HEAD REPORTS: Fire Department - Chief Doug Delaroi FIRE DEPT MEMBERS - Moved by Carlson, second by Reichert and carried, to approve the following fire department roster for 2024. Doug Schmalz, James Boller, Kelly Silbernagel, Ryan Rises, Mitch Voller, Justin Wiest, Brent Wiederholt, Kris Mustet, Steve Schneider, Kody Conlon, Justin Sadler, Brady Fuhrer, Kasey Koelsler, Kurt Schmalz, Chris Zeller, Dave Guggolz, Adam Fiedler, Jed Gosch, Kyle Beier, Hunter Delaroi, Chase Delaroi, Wyatt Bieber, Snowy Fire Cloud, Colton Hunter and Scott Mertz.

Zoning BUILDING PERMITS - The following building permit was approved by the Zoning Officer for the month of December: New Freedom Baptist Church, 415 6th Ave East, Handicap ramp; Chris Huber, 105 5th Ave East, Repair door with a 36" door & replacing bay window with a 9'x4' window

2023 BUILDING PERMIT SUMMARY - The Council was presented with a 2023 summary of building permits issued and zoning activity. 74 building permits were issued for a total dollar value of \$1,380,775.

Recreation & Events - Manager Monica Weninger-Schur-Schmalz gave the Council a year update on her past and upcoming events.

NEW BUSINESS: RESOLUTION 23-01, SALARIES - Moved by Carlson, second by Reichert and carried, to approve Resolution 23-01, 2024 salaries.

RESOLUTION 24-01 WHEREAS, the following offices or positions of the City are created by statute or ordinance (Mobridge Ordinance 1-1-2); and

WHEREAS, the compensation must be set for each employee (Mobridge Ordinance 1-1-2);

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following compensation shall be set for 2024;

Table with columns: Name, Position, Hourly, Annually. Lists various city employees and their compensation rates.

DESIGNATE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES - Moved by Reichert, second by Mound and carried, to designate Decotah Bank, First Interstate Bank, Wells Fargo Bank and SD Public Funds Investment Trust as the official depositories for 2024.

DESIGNATE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER - Moved by Reichert, second by Kemnitz and carried, to designate the Mobridge Tribune as the official newspaper for 2024.

ELECTRONIC/EARLY PAYMENTS - Moved by Mound, second by Kemnitz, and carried, to authorize the Finance Officer to pay the following vendors electronically and/or prior to the next council meeting in order to meet vendor requirements and deadlines: Cardmember Services, Century Link, Credit Collections Bureau, Deposit Refunds for Scherr Howe, Dish TV, First National Bank, Fleet Services, First Interstate Bank, Kansas City Life, Marco, Midco, SD Retirement System, SD Office of Child Support, SDRS Supplemental Retirement, SD State Treasurer, SD Unemployment Insurance Division, USDA Rural Development, Venture Communications, Verizon Wireless, United Accounts, US Bank and Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield.

ELECTION DATE AND COMBINE ELECTION - Moved by Carlson, second by Mound and carried, to set the annual municipal election date as April 9, 2024 and to combine the April 9, 2024 municipal election with Mobridge-Pollock School District school election.

GARBAGE BID - One bid was received for garbage service in the City from Heartland Waste at \$15.95 per household. Moved by Carlson, second by Cerney and carried, to approve the bid and enter into a 3-year contract for garbage service with Heartland Waste.

RESOLUTION 24-02, GARBAGE RATES - Moved by Carlson, second by Mound and carried, to approve Resolution 24-02, garbage rates.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City of Mobridge Ordinance 5-4-2-a paragraph A, the City is to set garbage collection rates for the residents of the City.

NOW THEREFORE, effective March 1, 2024, the garbage collection rate established for each residence, including each housing unit, to be billed on the resident's or housing units utility bill shall be in the monthly sum of \$19.45.

For the purposes of this Resolution, a housing unit shall include all single and multiple family dwellings and each apartment located in an apartment building shall be considered a separate housing unit and all mobilehomes located in a mobile home park shall be considered

separate housing units. STEP INCREASE - Moved by Reichert, second by Carlson and carried, to approve a step increase for dispatcher Cindy Rische, increasing her hourly wage 5.32 effective January 1, 2024.

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION: FINANCIAL STATEMENT - Beck presented a financial statement to the Council.

COUNCIL MEETING DATE - Due to a scheduling conflict, the Mayor asked for any objection to change the February meeting to February 7, 2024 instead of February 14, 2024. The February regular meeting of the Mobridge City Council will be held February 7, 2024.

DISCUSSION ON PARKING ORDINANCE - The Council discussed the parking ordinance regarding parking on a hard surface and not grass. Much of the discussion was held on commercial versus residential and the intent of the ordinance. Members of the public spoke to the council.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Moved by Kemnitz, second by Carlson and carried, to approve the following bills for payment:

Accounts Management Inc., garnishment 113.70; Aflac, insurance 816.34; AT&T Mobility, utilities/telephone 426.58; Badger Meter, prof. services 170.40; Beadle's Chevrolet, repair & maintenance 835.56; Butler Machinery, snow removal/supplies 666.66; Cam Wal Electric, street lights/utilities 63.87; Cardmember Service, prof. services/travel & conference 64.86; CDW Government, computer hardware & software 3,515.40; CentralSquare Technology, prof. services 7,083.76; Century Business Products, supplies 92.44; Chamber of Commerce, other 11,406.81; Code Enforcement, prof. services 1,036.96; Credit Collections Bureau, garnishment 460.02; Dakota Glass & Alignment, tires 815.96; Delta Dental of SD, dental 343.00; First Interstate Bank, IISA contributions/payroll taxes 18,958.82; Fisher Scientific, chemicals 594.45; Fleet Services, gasoline/vehicle maintenance 2,292.17; Grand Central, prof. services/vehicle maintenance 807.73; Gregg's Drilling & Excavating, prof. services/repair & maintenance 1,350.20; Hach Company, supplies 4,406.07; Hanna Instrument, supplies 660.00; Heartland Waste, prof. services 21,044.60; High Point Network, computer software & hardware 3,164.35; Jensen Rentals, other services 60.00; KCL, insurance 505.66; K&L Electric, Prof. services, supplies 7.90; Language Line Services, prof. services 90.00; Mastercard, office supplies/other services/computer software & hardware/

Salaries: Administration - 6264.41; City Administrator - 1046.94; Police Dept - 37538.14; Fire Dept - 700.00; Street Dept - 6079.14; Culture & Recreation - 1716.25; Zoning - 502.93; Library - 3092.80; 24/7 - 509.24; Water Department - 10545.65; Sewer Department - 4967.47; and Airport - 817.75.

The being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM on a motion by Cerney, second by Reichert and carried.

Heather Beck, Finance Officer Gene Cox, Mayor

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MONTHLY SERVICE RATES: Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, "universal service" means basic telephone service that is available to all consumers. WRT provides basic and enhanced telecommunications services within its service area. Basic services are offered at the following rates: Single Party Residence & Business Service - \$22.50/mo. discount if your household is on qualifying Tribal land. If you are currently receiving Lifeline benefits you may be eligible for Lifeline assistance. Lifeline is a government program that provides free or reduced-rate telephone service to low-income consumers. To be eligible for Lifeline assistance, an applicant or subscriber, one of their dependents or their household must participate in one or more of the following programs: Medicaid; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP; formerly Food Stamps); Supplemental Security Income (SSI); Federal Public Housing Assistance; or Veterans & Survivors Pension Benefit. Individuals whose household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines are also eligible for Lifeline assistance. Toll blocking at no charge and reduced deposits are also available. Additional Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up support is available to those qualifying individuals living on Tribal Lands. Tribal Lifeline/Link Up provides for additional telephone services discounts, and in addition to the previously cited programs, for those individuals residing on Tribal Lands, participation in the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) general assistance program, Head Start, Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations or Tribal TANF qualifies them for this support. Only eligible consumers may enroll in the Lifeline program. Lifeline applicants must present documentation demonstrating eligibility either through participation in one of the qualifying federal assistance programs or through income-based means. Lifeline recipients are required to recertify their eligibility every year. The Lifeline program is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of either voice or wireless service. Lifeline is a government program, make sure your consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program. For more information on Lifeline, call WRT at 701-748-2211 or go to https://www.lifelineusa.gov. WRT is also an Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) service provider. ACP is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program that provides a monthly discount on broadband service. You may be eligible if your household's income is below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or if you have someone in your household currently receiving a government benefit like SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, WIC, Pell Grant, or Free and Reduced-Price Lunch. If your household is eligible, you could receive: Up to \$30/mo. discount on your internet or up to \$75/mo. discount if your household is on qualifying Tribal land. If you are currently receiving Lifeline benefits you may automatically qualify for ACP. For more information on ACP, call WRT at 701-748-2211 or go to GetInternet.gov.

BATTERY NOTICE: When WRT installs fiber optics, we offer to install a battery backup unit (at no extra fee) - as fiber needs power to operate. If your electricity fails, the backup unit will power the equipment & provide voice service for approx. 8 hours. WRT offers additional battery packs to extend the length of voice service and provide internet service backup for 32 hours. Please keep an outlet that has basic emergency lights. 1) Keep at least one basic COBRED phone on hand to use in case of power outages, as generator, or power outage. 2) If you have a generator, make sure the battery backup unit is plugged into an outlet that is served by the generator. 3) Periodically check the indicator light on your battery backup unit to see if it is getting low or out of charge. Batteries should be stored above 41° F and below 104° F. General battery life is 2-4 years, pending usage & storage conditions and have a limited 3-year manufacturer's warranty. If you have any questions or would like to extend your battery backup time, call WRT at 701-748-2211.

ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS - LIFELINE LINKUP & ACP: Lifeline provides subscribers a discount on qualifying monthly telephone, broadband Internet, or bundled voice-broadband packages. Lifeline provides a discount up to \$9.25/mo. on service or equipment and up to \$34.25/mo. on service or equipment for those on Tribal lands. To be eligible for Lifeline assistance, an applicant or subscriber, one of their dependents or their household must participate in one or more of the following programs: Medicaid; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP; formerly Food Stamps); Supplemental Security Income (SSI); Federal Public Housing Assistance; or Veterans & Survivors Pension Benefit. Individuals whose household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines are also eligible for Lifeline assistance. Toll blocking at no charge and reduced deposits are also available. Additional Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up support is available to those qualifying individuals living on Tribal Lands. Tribal Lifeline/Link Up provides for additional telephone services discounts, and in addition to the previously cited programs, for those individuals residing on Tribal Lands, participation in the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) general assistance program, Head Start, Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations or Tribal TANF qualifies them for this support. Only eligible consumers may enroll in the Lifeline program. Lifeline applicants must present documentation demonstrating eligibility either through participation in one of the qualifying federal assistance programs or through income-based means. Lifeline recipients are required to recertify their eligibility every year. The Lifeline program is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of either voice or wireless service. Lifeline is a government program, make sure your consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program. For more information on Lifeline, call WRT at 701-748-2211 or go to https://www.lifelineusa.gov. WRT is also an Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) service provider. ACP is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program that provides a monthly discount on broadband service. You may be eligible if your household's income is below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or if you have someone in your household currently receiving a government benefit like SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, WIC, Pell Grant, or Free and Reduced-Price Lunch. If your household is eligible, you could receive: Up to \$30/mo. discount on your internet or up to \$75/mo. discount if your household is on qualifying Tribal land. If you are currently receiving Lifeline benefits you may automatically qualify for ACP. For more information on ACP, call WRT at 701-748-2211 or go to GetInternet.gov.

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT: West River Telecommunications Cooperative is an equal opportunity provider. In accordance with the Civil Rights Act and U.S. Department of Agriculture, we are committed to equal rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA TAG/Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-7339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English. To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint (https://www.usda.gov/ocarc/how-to-file-a-program-discrimination-complaint) and in a USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. If you need a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 622-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT WRT, PO BOX 467, HAZEN, ND 58545 OR CALL 701-748-2211

Vacancies open on Mobridge council and Mobridge-Pollock school board

NOTICE OF VACANCY MUNICIPALITY OF MOBRIDGE, SD MOBRIDGE-POLLOCK SCHOOL DISTRICT 62-6

The following offices for the City of Mobridge will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office of the elected officer:

- Ward I - Kyle Jensen 2-year term
Ward II - Amy Cerney 2-year term
Ward III - Randy Carlson 2-year term
Mayor - Gene Cox 2-year term

Also, the following school board position for the Mobridge-Pollock School District 62-6 will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office of the following school board member:

Dr. Travis Henderson 3-year term

Recruitment of nominating petitions may begin on January 26, 2024. Petitions for the City of Mobridge may be filed in the office of the Finance Officer located at the City Hall at 114 1st Ave E, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. CST not later than the 23rd day of February 2024.

Nominating petitions for the Mobridge-Pollock School District 62-6 may be filed in the Business Office located at 1107 1st Ave East, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. CST, not later than the 23rd day of February 2024.

City of Mobridge Heather Beck Finance Officer Mobridge-Pollock School District 62-6 Kim Schneider Business Manager

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City surplus property bid open

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Sealed bids for the following surplus property will be received by the City Finance Officer at City Hall located at 114 1st Ave E, Mobridge, South Dakota, until 2:00 PM on January 31, 2024 and opened at 2:00 PM. 1993 Chevy 2500 with 124,452 miles - has shifting issues and a broken passenger window Vehicle is a former public works pickup

and is being sold as is. To view items call Kurt at 605-848-0074. The city reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities. Heather Beck Finance Officer Published twice at the total approximate cost of \$17.01 and can be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublishonics.com

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MOBRIDGE TRIBUNE REMINDER



April 6, 2024

Dear WRT Member,

Lifeline, Tribal Lifeline/Link Up, and Toll Blocking support is available from WRT. These programs provide discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish and maintain telephone or broadband internet service.

What type of discount is available?

Lifeline assistance lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone or broadband internet service. Eligible consumers can receive up to \$9.25 per month in discounts. In addition, the Federal Universal Service Charge is not assessed to consumers participating in Lifeline.

Tribal Lifeline provides up to an additional \$25 in federal support to qualifying residents of Tribal land and applies on the main home telephone line or broadband internet service listed in the name of the eligible WRT subscriber. (The Tribal Lifeline discount cannot exceed \$34.25)

Tribal Link Up is available to qualifying consumers residing on Tribal lands and covers 100% of the charges (up to \$100) of installing/connecting subscribers to WRT's network.

Toll Blocking support allows eligible consumers who wish to avoid incurring large, long-distance fees to choose toll blocking or toll control at no cost. Also, by choosing this option, consumers are usually not charged a deposit.

How do I know whether I am eligible?

An individual is eligible if he or she participates in one or more of the following programs:

- Federal Public Housing (FPHA)
- Medicaid
- Supplement Nutrition Assistance Programs (SNAP, formerly known as Food Stamps)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TTANF)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- Tribal Head Start (income eligible)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
- Veterans Pension or Survivors Benefit Program

In addition, a consumer may be eligible if his or her household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines:

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**2024 Estimated Income Requirements for a Household at or Below
135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines**

Persons in Family Unit	48 Contiguous States and D.C.
1	\$20,331
2	\$27,594
3	\$34,857
4	\$42,120
5	\$49,383
6	\$56,646
7	\$63,909
8	\$71,172
If more than 8, add this amount for each extra person	\$7,263

WRT's voice and broadband internet service is a Lifeline-supported service. Only eligible consumers may enroll in the Lifeline program. Lifeline applicants must present documentation demonstrating eligibility either through participation in one of the qualifying federal assistance programs or through income-based means. Lifeline recipients are required to recertify their eligibility every year.

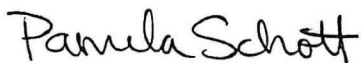
The Lifeline program is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of either wireline, wireless, or broadband internet service. A household is defined, for purposes of the Lifeline program, as an individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses.

Lifeline is a government benefit program, and consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program. WRT is required to access the FCC's National Lifeline Accountability Database to verify if a customer is currently receiving Lifeline, as well as provide information to the database regarding new Lifeline subscribers.

How do I apply to receive Lifeline, Link Up, and Toll Blocking discounts?

To apply for low-income assistance, please contact WRT at 701-748-2211 or 605-845-3100, visit your local WRT office, or go to the website lifelinesupport.org and apply online. Thank you for choosing WRT, your local phone & broadband internet service provider and member-owner cooperative!

Sincerely,



Pamela Schott

WRT Customer Service Manager

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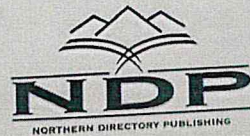
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ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

WRT knows how vital access to reliable communications is to everyday life. We believe it is important to help connect those who can't afford service. WRT participates in Federal Communications Commission's Lifeline, Toll Limitation, Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up assistance programs.



LIFELINE: Assistance program for qualifying low-income subscribers who are not already receiving a Lifeline discount from another provider. Lifeline provides a monthly service discount on eligible telephone or eligible broadband service. By applying for and receiving the Lifeline discount.

ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible for Lifeline, an applicant or subscriber, one of their dependents, or their household must participate in one or more of the following programs: Medicaid; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly Food Stamps); Supplemental Security Income (SSI); Federal Public Housing Assistance; or Veterans & Survivors Pension Benefit. Individuals whose household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines are also eligible for Lifeline assistance.

Toll blocking at no charge and reduced deposits also available.

TRIBAL LIFELINE & TRIBAL LINK UP: Additional support is available to those qualifying individuals living on Tribal Lands. Tribal Lifeline/Link Up provides additional service discounts, and in addition to the previously cited programs, for those individuals residing on Tribal Lands, participation in the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) general assistance program, Tribal Head Start, Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations or Tribal TANF qualifies them for this support. Only eligible consumers may enroll in the Lifeline program.

VERIFICATION: Applicants must present documentation demonstrating eligibility either through participation in one of the qualifying federal assistance programs or through income-based means. Lifeline recipients are required to recertify their eligibility every year. Lifeline is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of eligible telephone or broadband service. Lifeline is a government benefit program, and consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call Lifeline Support (toll-free) at 1-800-234-9473, go to www.lifelinesupport.org or contact your local WRT office. WRT is an equal opportunity provider.

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501
605-773-3201

North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0485
701-328-2400



WRT IS HERE TO HELP

Assistance Programs

Lifeline, Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up, as well as the Affordable Connectivity Program, can help eligible people pay part of their service costs.

Lifeline

Lifeline provides a monthly credit of \$9.25/month for internet services and \$5.25/mo for voice-only service. The Lifeline credit is applied to the main home phone number and will be applied to local voice &/or internet service.

The Lifeline plan does not include long-distance calls. Lifeline subscribers may opt to block long-distance calls on their line at no cost.

Who is Eligible?

Applicants are eligible if they participate in at least one of the following public assistance programs as follows or have a household income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (documentation required):

Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA) or Section 8

Medicaid

Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP / formerly known as Food Stamps)

You may also be eligible if your household income is equal to or less than 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

FEDERAL MANDATE: Lifeline recipients are required to recertify their eligibility annually. Failure to properly recertify a recipient's continued eligibility for the Lifeline program will result in termination of the Lifeline

recipient's monthly Lifeline discount and de-enrollment from the Lifeline Program.

[Apply for Lifeline](#)

For More Information

If you are applying based on income, please remember to include mandatory documentation as listed on the applications. For questions or assistance please call WRT at 748-2211.

Federal Poverty Guidelines

Estimated Income Requirements for a Household at or Below 135% of the 2023 Federal Poverty Guidelines:

Persons in Family or Household	48 Contiguous States and D.C.
1	\$20,331
For Each Additional Person, add:	\$7,263

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Tribal Lands Lifeline and Expanded Link Up

The Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up program provide up to an additional \$25 in federal support to qualifying residents of Tribal lands and applies on the main home phone line. This \$25 is in addition to the \$9.25 monthly credit for Lifeline as noted above. Tribal Link Up is available to qualifying consumers and covers 100% of the charges (up to \$100) that the carrier customarily assesses for installing/connecting subscribers to the network.

Who is Eligible?

Applicants are eligible if they participate in at least one of the following public assistance programs as follows or have a household income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (documentation required):

Medicaid (e.g. Title XIX/Medical State Supplemental Assistance)

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP / formerly known as Food Stamps)

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)

Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit

Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance

Tribally-Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TTANF)

Head Start (if income criteria are met)

Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations You may also be eligible if your household income is equal to or less than 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (see information above).

A button with a black border and rounded corners, containing the word "Apply" in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

Apply

Affordable Connectivity Program – ending April 2024

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a U.S. government program run by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program to help low-income households pay for internet service.

Due to a lack of additional funding from Congress, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced the last fully funded month of the program was April 2024.

You are likely eligible if your household's income is below 200% of the Federal Poverty Line, or if you or someone you live with currently receives a government benefit like SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, WIC, Pell Grant, or Free and Reduced-Price Lunch.

If your household is eligible, you could receive:

Up to a \$30/month discount on your internet service

Up to a \$75/month discount if your household is on qualifying Tribal lands

A low cost service plan that may be fully covered through the ACP*

* Through a separate non-FCC initiative, additional no cost plans may be available to Affordable Connectivity Program enrollees. To learn more please visit [GetInternet.gov](https://www.getinternet.gov). Provision of a link to this initiative does not imply FCC endorsement of any particular participating provider.

Only one monthly service discount is allowed per household.

Speed Test

Careers

Contact WRT



Companies Near Me

This tool can help you find companies in your area that offer Lifeline and the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) service. These programs can reduce the cost of phone or internet service by providing a monthly discount.

ACP service providers may have their own application process, so consumers should contact their preferred service provider for more information. Consumers may also be eligible for a one-time discount on a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet through ACP. Ask your service provider if they offer devices or use this tool to see a list of providers who offer discounted devices.

Find a Company

Enter Your Zip Code

OR

Example: 12345

Enter Your City and State

Select a Program:

Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)

Type of Service (Optional)

Home Internet

Mobile Internet

Offers (Optional)

\$0 with ACP [i](#)


Discounted Device [i](#)

Lifeline

Companies near 57601

The order of these companies are random and may be different the next time you search. An asterisk (*) after the company name means that this company offers both ACP and Lifeline.

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Download List: 

Company Name	Phone	Type of Service	\$0 with ACP	Discounted Device
Viasat	855-463-9333	Home Internet		
Maxsip Telecom Corporation	866-629-7471	Home Internet		
C.R.S.T. Telephone Authority*	650-964-2600	Home Internet		
U2 CONNECT NOW	844-679-0909	Home Internet		
Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association Inc.*	605-437-2615	Home Internet		
Fidelity Cablevision, LLC	800-392-8070	Home Internet		
Clear Wireless, LLC	888-341-3471	Home Internet		Yes
Culture Wireless	404-254-6236	Home Internet		Yes
Verizon Wireless	800-922-0204	Home Internet		
Venture Communications Cooperative*	800-824-7282	Home Internet		
Integrated Path Communications, LLC	888-224-6958	Home Internet	Yes	
Lingo	866-405-4646	Home Internet		
Metro by T-Mobile	888-863-8768	Home Internet	Yes	
Standing Rock Telecommunications, Inc*	701-854-7098	Home Internet		
Park Region	218-826-6161	Home Internet		
VOLT MOBILE INC.	888-200-8923	Home Internet	Yes	Yes
Hughes Network Systems, LLC	844-737-2700	Home Internet		
Midcontinent Communications*	800-888-1300	Home Internet	Yes	
SWA Connect, LLC	866-350-0222	Home Internet		Yes
Peeringhub Inc	838-217-8002	Home Internet	Yes	Yes
Crow Creek Sioux Tribe	605-245-2391	Home Internet	Yes	
EARTHLINK, LLC	888-327-8454	Home Internet		

Company Name	Phone	Type of Service	\$0 with ACP ⓘ	Discounted Device ⓘ
Comlink Total Solutions Corp	833-604-1080	Home Internet		Yes
West River Telecommunications Cooperative	701-748-2211	Home Internet		

If you want to see more companies, see the list of companies in SD.

More About the Data

- Search results are based on program enrollment and information provided by the companies.
- Information on the availability of devices and plans free with the ACP benefit are self-reported by providers and subject to change.
- The search results may include a company listed in your area that may not provide service to your address.
- Also, the search results might not show every company that is near you. A company may still offer Lifeline and/or ACP service even if it is not on the list. Please contact the company to confirm if they offer Lifeline or the ACP service for your address.

Tell Us What You Think

We will continue to update this tool, so please check back often. If you have any comments or see something wrong - or if you are a company that needs to add or update your Lifeline or ACP information, email us at LifelineProgram@usac.org or ACProgram@usac.org.



Companies Near Me

[< Back to the zip code search](#)

Companies in SD

The order of these companies are random and may be different the next time you search.

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Types of Service:

Home Service: Lifeline home phone or Internet service

Mobile Service: Lifeline mobile phone or Internet service

Showing 25 of 28 companies

Download List: [☰](#)

Company Name ▼	Phone	Type of Service
Western Telephone Company	800-824-7282	Home Service
West River Telecom*	800-748-7220	Home Service
Venture Communications*	800-824-7282	Home Service
Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association*	605-437-2615	Home Service
TrioTel Communications, Inc.*	800-242-1925	Home Service
Swiftel Communications	605-692-6211	Home Service
Swiftel Communications	605-692-6211	Mobile Service
Standing Rock Telecom*	701-854-7098	Mobile Service
Santel Communications*	605-796-4411	Home Service
Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association*	800-256-6854	Home Service
Northern Valley Communications*	800-556-6525	Home Service
Mt. Rushmore Telephone Company	605-666-4411	Home Service
Midstate Telecom, Inc	888-214-1431	Home Service
Midstate Communications*	605-778-6221	Home Service
Midco*	1-800-888-1300	Home Service

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BILLING NAME & ADDRESS DISCLOSURE

The FCC requires WRT, under certain circumstances, to release the Billing Name and Address (BNA) of telephone customers to telecommunications service providers. The main reason for releasing BNA information is to ensure proper billing for collect, third number billed or calling card calls. WRT is required to provide the information to the telecommunications service provider that handled the call, if it is requested by the carrier.

BNA can also be released to telecommunications service providers for other reasons, such as verification for presubscription, servicing your account, to prevent fraud or when you move from one location to another.

If you have an unlisted or non-published telephone number, you have a choice. If you do not want your BNA released by WRT, we need affirmative notification from you within 30 days. If you provide us with such notification, your ability to make calling card calls or to receive collect calls or third number billed calls could be denied. Should you have questions regarding this matter, please call WRT at 701-748-2211.

SET UP OR CHANGE LONG DISTANCE SERVICE

1. Contact WRT or the long distance provider/company of your choice to sign up for service.
2. Authorize your long distance company to contact WRT to set up or change your long distance service.
3. If a PIC FREEZE is in place, contact WRT to remove the PIC FREEZE and authorize the change to your long distance service. You may also request a new PIC FREEZE form from WRT at this time. (PIC FREEZE blocks service from being changed)

QUESTIONS? call WRT @ 701-748-2211

email: myWRT@wrta.com

mail: WRT, PO Box 467, Hazen, ND 58545

Offices in Hazen, Beulah & Mobridge

CUSTOMER PROPRIETARY NETWORK INFORMATION

The FCC has adopted rules to protect your privacy with regard to telecommunications information that is personal to you. This information is called "Customer Proprietary Network Information" or "CPNI" and includes the type of services you subscribe to, the equipment and facilities used, and the numbers, dates, times and duration of the calls you place. From time to time WRT may make new features and services available that may enhance the services to which you are already subscribed. Allowing us to use your CPNI gives WRT the ability to give you more personalized service and offer you the products and services that best fit your needs.

If you allow us to use your CPNI, it will ONLY be used by WRT. We DO NOT sell or in any way provide this information to any other company, other than the 911 records we are required by law to provide if you are a phone customer.

Under federal law, you have the right, and we have the duty, to protect the confidentiality of this information. Therefore, your account will be treated confidentially, regardless of whether you consent or not to allow us to continue to provide you with educational mailings.

If you agree to let WRT use your CPNI, no further action is necessary. If you want to restrict use of your CPNI, you must contact WRT within 30 days of receipt of this notice. You may miss the opportunity to learn of new services, new packaging that could reduce your monthly bill, and other information that keeps you informed of the happenings at WRT. Your decision on the use of CPNI by WRT will remain valid until you change it, which can be done at any time by contacting WRT.

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FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM (ACP): Assistance program run by the FCC to help low-income households pay for internet service. If your household is eligible, you could receive up to \$30/month discount on your internet service or up to \$75/month discount if your household is on qualifying tribal lands. You are likely eligible if your household's income is below 200% of the Federal Poverty Line, or if you or someone you live with currently receives a government benefit like SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, WIC, Pell Grant, or Free & Reduced-Price Lunch. Only one monthly service discount is allowed per household. Discount can be combined with Lifeline.

LIFELINE: Assistance program for qualifying low-income subscribers who are not already receiving a Lifeline discount from another provider. Lifeline provides a monthly service discount eligible broadband service. By applying for and receiving the Lifeline discount. To be eligible for Lifeline, an applicant or subscriber, one of their dependents, or their household must participate in one or more of the following programs: Medicaid; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly Food Stamps); Supplemental Security Income (SSI); Federal Public Housing Assistance; or Veterans & Survivors Pension Benefit. Individuals whose household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines are also eligible for Lifeline assistance. *Toll blocking at no charge also available.*

TRIBAL LIFELINE & TRIBAL LINK UP: Additional support is available to those qualifying individuals living on Tribal Lands. Tribal Lifeline/Link Up provides additional service discounts, and in addition to the previously cited programs, for those individuals residing on Tribal Lands, participation in the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) general assistance program, Tribal Head Start, Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations or Tribal TANF qualifies them for this support. Only eligible consumers may enroll in the Lifeline program.

VERIFICATION: Applicants must present documentation demonstrating eligibility either through participation in one of the qualifying federal assistance programs or through income-based means. Lifeline recipients are required to recertify their eligibility every year. Lifeline is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of eligible broadband service. Lifeline is a government benefit program, and consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call Lifeline Support at 1-800-234-9473, go to www.checklifeline.org/lifeline or contact your local WRT office.

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WRT BYLAWS | ARTICLE I / MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1.1. MEMBERSHIP.

Any adult person, organization, government, political subdivision or governmental agency, or other legal entity shall become a member of this Cooperative and membership shall be automatic on the date of receipt of retail voice or broadband service. In receiving such services from the cooperative, each member, by such action, agrees to comply with and be bound by the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Cooperative and any rules, policies and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors. No member may hold more than one membership in the Cooperative, and no membership shall be transferable except as provided in these bylaws. The status of all membership shall be as reflected upon the books of the Cooperative, and no membership certificates will be issued.

SECTION 1.2. DEFINITION AND CLASSIFICATIONS.

(a) A condition of membership is Voice or broadband service from the Cooperative at a premise within its established service area. In addition, the Board may determine certain types and amounts of patronage that give rise to the privileges and obligations of membership. (b) Exchange and interexchange carriers who participate with the Cooperative in the provision of telecommunications services are neither members nor patrons except as such carriers may receive voice or broadband services. *A complete printing of the WRT Bylaws available in the WRT telephone directory or online at www.westriv.com*

BATTERY BACK-UP

When WRT installs your new fiber optics, we also install a battery backup unit (at no additional charge) – as the new fiber needs power to operate. If your electricity would happen to go out, the back-up unit will power the equipment and provide voice service for approximately 8 hours. WRT does offer additional battery packs to extend the length of voice service and also provide internet service. We call it the "WRT 2 Buck Back-Up" and it's available \$2 per month.

Please keep in mind these basic emergency tips:

- Keep at least one basic CORDED phone on hand to use in case of power outages. (Cordless use additional power)

-If you have a generator, make sure the battery backup unit is plugged into an outlet that is served by the generator.

-Periodically check the indicator light on your battery backup unit to see if it is getting low or out of charge. Batteries should be stored above 41° F and below 104° F. General battery life is 2-4 years, pending usage & storage conditions and have a limited 3-year manufacturer's warranty.

If you have any questions or would like to extend your battery backup time, please call WRT at 701-748-2211.

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

West River Telecommunications Cooperative is an equal opportunity provider and employer. In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English. To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at [How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint](http://www.usda.gov/oascr/how-to-file-a-program-discrimination-complaint) (<https://www.usda.gov/oascr/how-to-file-a-program-discrimination-complaint>) and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender. *USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender. WRT is an equal opportunity provider & employer.*

NATIONAL DO-NOT-CALL REGISTRY

The National Do-Not-Call Registry has been established to offer you a choice about receiving telemarketing calls. Registering will stop most telemarketing calls but it will not stop calls from certain non-profit and political organizations and calls from organizations with which you have established a business relationship. Consumers can register their telephone numbers (including wireless), on the National Do-Not-Call Registry by telephone or by internet at no cost. The number will be on the Do-Not-Call list the day after registration; however, telemarketers have up to 31 days to remove the number from their call lists.

**REGISTER ON THE DO-NOT-CALL REGISTRY,
go online to www.donotcall.gov, call 1-888-382-1222,
for TTY call 1-866-290-4236.**