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Executive Council
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Subject: Damaged Cable due to Rodent Chew at Highway 18 and 200th Street in Fayette
County on August 31, 2022
Iowa Communications Network (ICN)
Claim Dated September 20, 2022
AOS Claim ID: 2366

In accordance with Executive Council policy, we have examined the claim for 29C.20 funds for the above-mentioned damage. It is our conclusion that the above-mentioned damage incurred by the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) is covered by Chapter 29C.20 of the Code of Iowa. The amount requested may include costs that will be covered by a monthly maintenance contract for technician services that are not additional expenses to ICN. The actual claim for reimbursement should only be for expenses that exceed the technician hours per the maintenance agreement.

Therefore, we recommend an Executive Council allocation in the amount of \$73,304.24, subject to an audit of actual invoices and supporting documentation and demonstration that no costs covered by the maintenance contract have been included.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ernest H. Ruben, Jr.", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Ernest H. Ruben, Jr., CPA
Deputy Auditor of State

cc: Randy Goddard, Executive Director, ICN
Kammy McHone, Finance Division, ICN
Dave Augspurger, Operations Division, ICN
Joel Lunde, Department of Management