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## Executive Council of Iowa

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September 8, 2026

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The Executive Council, in a meeting held on this date, approved Iowa Communications Network's request for an emergency allocation of \$26,701.78, subject to audit of actual invoices and supporting documentation and demonstration that no costs covered by the maintenance contract have been included. On June 26, 2026, cable along Iowa Highway 3, 220th Street, and Iowa Avenue in Humboldt County sustained damage due to rodent activity. Request was to cover repair costs.

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

*Kristi Onstot*

Kristi Onstot  
Executive Secretary

cc: Ryan Mulhall, Executive Director, ICN  
Kammy McHone, Finance Division, ICN  
Dave Augspurger, Operations Division, ICN  
Heather Hackbarth, Department of Management  
Matt Bender, Department of Management

AOS Claim # 4401  
TOS Job # \_\_\_\_\_



# OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF STATE

STATE OF IOWA

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Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0006

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Rob Sand  
Auditor of State

August 14, 2026

Kristi Onstot  
Executive Council

Subject: Cable Damaged Due to Rodent Activity Along Iowa High 3, 220<sup>th</sup> Street  
and Iowa Avenue in Humboldt County on June 26, 2026  
Iowa Communications Network (ICN)  
Claim Dated June 26, 2026  
AOS Claim ID: 4401

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 for the requested amount of \$26,701.78, subject to 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 black ink, appearing to read "Brian R. Brustkern".

Brian R. Brustkern, CPA  
Deputy Auditor of State

cc: Ryan Mulhall, Executive Director, ICN  
Kammy McHone, Finance Division, ICN  
Dave Augspurger, Operations Bureau, ICN  
Heather Hackbarth, Department of Management



August 3, 2026

Ms. Kristi Onstot  
Executive Secretary  
Executive Council of Iowa  
State Capitol

Re: Emergency Allocations of Funds

Dear Ms. Onstot,

On or about June 26, 2026 the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) received physical damage to ICN Communications equipment in Des Moines, Iowa. An email was sent to the Office of the Auditor of State and the Executive Council. This letter represents a claim for \$26,701.78 in accordance with Chapter 29C.20 of the Code of Iowa for an emergency allocation of funds to repair damages sustained. Paid invoices will be included upon completion of repairs.

It was determined ICN equipment was damaged due to rodent chew along Iowa Highway 3, 220<sup>th</sup> Street, and Iowa Avenue in Humboldt County. This will require relocation of the fiber. Enclosed are the damage assessment and cost estimate to restore that damaged equipment to normal operating condition.

If you have any questions regarding this claim, please call my office at 515-725-4666.

Sincerely,

Ryan Mulhall  
Executive Director

cc:

Office of Auditor of State Tammy Hollingsworth  
ICN Operations Division Dave Augspurger  
ICN Finance Division Kammy McHone



July 1, 2026

Estimate for ICN Fiber Cable Damage Repair: Outside Plant Log #46260207

This estimate is for the repair of damaged fiber optic cable along Iowa Highway 3, 220<sup>th</sup> Street and Iowa Avenue in Humboldt County. This damage is the result of rodent chewing and will require replacement. The Executive Council was notified of the ICN's intent to submit this as a claim for reimbursement on June 26, 2026. Repair will require placement of approximately 4,280 feet of cable from an existing splice location to a new location, encompassing the area of known rodent activity.

ESTIMATED COSTS

Contracted Labor and Materials

|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Construction Labor     | \$17,940.00 |
| Construction Materials | \$4,353.61  |
| Splicing Labor         | \$3,770.00  |
| ICN Provided Materials | \$638.17    |
| Total                  | \$26,701.78 |

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,  
Dave Augspurger  
Sr Telecom Specialist | OSP Lead  
Outside Plant  
Iowa Communications Network  
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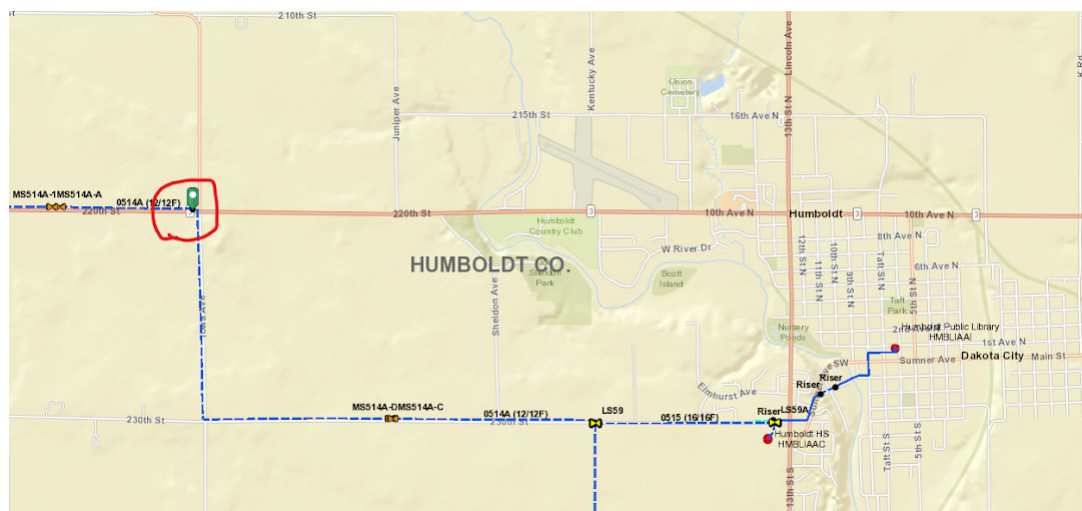
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| <b>Iowa Communications Network Estimate</b> |                                                          |
| Project:                                    | Rodent damage relocation along Highway 3 and Iowa Avenue |
| Outside Plant Log Number                    | 46260207                                                 |
| County                                      | Humboldt                                                 |
| Link ID                                     | 514A                                                     |
| INC-PRB                                     | INC0055674                                               |
| Fiber Count                                 | 12                                                       |
| Contracted Labor and Materials              | Costs                                                    |
| Construction Labor                          | \$17,940.00                                              |
| Construction Materials                      | \$4,353.61                                               |
| Splicing Labor                              | \$3,770.00                                               |
| ICN Provided Materials                      | \$638.17                                                 |
| Miscellaneous                               | \$0.00                                                   |
| Engineering Design                          | \$0.00                                                   |
| TOTAL                                       | \$26,701.78                                              |



**Augspurger, Dave** <daugspurger@icn.state.ia.us>

To: ICN Executive Council Notice <ICNExecutiveCouncilNotice@iowa.gov>

An ICN field technician investigating a locate issue discovered significant evidence of rodent activity along 220th St, west of Iowa Ave in Humboldt County. The signal loss resulted from rodent chewing, requiring cable relocation. The ICN would like to submit this as a claim for reimbursement for damages due to natural causes (rodent chew).



Please notify me immediately of the error by return e-mail, and please delete this message from your system. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**'Tammy Hollingsworth' via ICN Executive Council Notice**

Mon, Jun 29, 2026 at 2:39 PM

<ICNExecutiveCouncilNotice@iowa.gov>

Reply-To: Tammy Hollingsworth <Tammy.Hollingsworth@aos.iowa.gov>

To: "Augspurger, Dave" <daugspurger@icn.state.ia.us>, ICN Executive Council Notice <ICNExecutiveCouncilNotice@iowa.gov>

Notification of 29C.20 Damages Received – AOS Claim #4401

**From:** icnexecutivecouncilnotice@iowa.gov <icnexecutivecouncilnotice@iowa.gov> **On Behalf Of** Augspurger, Dave

**Sent:** Friday, June 26, 2026 10:12 AM

**To:** ICN Executive Council Notice <ICNExecutiveCouncilNotice@iowa.gov>

**Subject:** Rodent chew damage Humboldt County 220th St & Iowa Ave Log 46260207 INC0055674

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6/25/26



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Respectfully,

**Dave Augspurger**

**Sr Telecom Specialist | OSP Lead**

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