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December 4, 2025

Kristi Onstot
Executive Council
L O C A L

Subject: Exposed Warning Tape and Shallow Cable at Culvert Crossing at Bass Creek
in Webster County on July 7, 2025
Iowa Communications Network (ICN)
Claim dated October 28, 2025
AOS Claim ID: 4193

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 \$22,765.92, subject to audit of actual invoices and supporting documentation and demonstration that no costs covered by the maintenance contract have been included.

Sincerely,

Brian R. Brustkern, CPA
Deputy Auditor of State

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



October 28, 2025

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

Re: Emergency Allocations of Funds

Dear Ms. Onstot,

On or about July 7, 2025 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 \$22,765.92 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 erosion at a culvert crossing at Bass Creek, Link 512 in Webster County, IA. 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)



KIM REYNOLDS, GOVERNOR
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Iowa Communications Network

RYAN MULHALL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION

July 7, 2025

Estimate for ICN Fiber Cable Damage Repair: Outside Plant Log #94250201

This estimate is for the relocation of an exposed and shallow fiber optic cable at Bass Creek in Webster County. The exposure is the result of excessive erosion along creek banks and bottom. The Executive Council was notified of the ICN's intent to submit this as a claim for reimbursement on July 7th, 2025.

Restoration will require placement of approximately 900 feet of new conduit and cable, placement of two new splices/handholes, and splicing material and labor to cut over to new cable alignment.

ESTIMATED COSTS:

Contracted Labor and Materials

Construction Labor	\$16,201.50
Construction Materials	\$2,978.48
Splicing Labor	\$3,270.00
ICN Provided Materials	\$315.94
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Engineering Design	\$0.00
TOTAL:	\$22,765.92

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

Respectfully,

Dave Augspurger
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ESTIMATE

PROJECT	Fort Dodge - Bass Creek Washout - Link 512	COUNTY	Webster
OSP LOG #	94250201	INC/PRB	N/A (Not billable)
LINK ID(S)	512	FIBER CT	12

Contracted Labor and Materials

Construction Labor	\$16,201.50
Construction Materials	\$2,978.48
Splicing Labor	\$3,270.00
ICN Provided Materials	\$315.94
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Engineering Design	\$0.00

TOTAL: \$22,765.92

VENDOR CONSTRUCTION

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	RATE	QTY	SUBTOTAL
Horizontal Boring	Rural 1 ea 1.25" conduit	LF	\$10.00	900	\$9,000.00
Handhole Placement	Rural Std 24x36x30	EA	\$600.00	2	\$1,200.00
Fiber Installation	New Duct Rural	LF	\$1.25	1,050	\$1,312.50
Expose/Lower Cable	Rural Expose Existing Live Cable	LF	\$25.00	150	\$3,750.00
Misc	Mobilization	LS	\$750.00	1	\$750.00
Misc	Mobilization mileage adder	MILES	\$9.00	63	\$567.00
VENDOR CONSTRUCTION SUBTOTAL:					\$16,201.50

SPlicing LABOR

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	UNIT RATE	QTY	SUBTOTAL
Splicing labor	Splicing Mobilization	LS	\$1,250.00	1	\$1,250.00
Splicing labor	Prep Splice Closure	EA	\$350.00	2	\$700.00
Splicing labor	Fusion Splicing	Splicing	\$55.00	24	\$1,320.00
SPlicing LABOR SUBTOTAL:					\$3,270.00

ICN PROVIDED MATERIALS

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	QTY	UNIT RATE	SUBTOTAL	PART #
Splice Closure	*450A Splice Closure (w/lugs)	EA	2	\$143.38	\$286.76	FOSC450-A4-4-NT-0-A1V
Splice Tray	*A-Tray 12-pos	EA	2	\$12.01	\$24.02	497817-000
Shield Bond Connector	*Shield Bond Connector	EA	4	\$1.29	\$5.16	4460-D
ICN PROVIDED MATERIALS SUBTOTAL:					\$315.94	

VENDOR PROVIDED MATERIALS

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	QTY	UNIT RATE	SUBTOTAL
Duct	1.25" Orange HPDE Duct	LFT	900	\$0.68	\$612.00
Fiber Cable	12F Armored SM Cable	LFT	1050	\$0.52	\$546.00
Handholes	24x36x30 Tier 15 HH w/lid	EA	2	\$910.24	\$1,820.48
VENDOR PROVIDED MATERIALS SUBTOTAL:					\$2,978.48

ENGINEERING DESIGN

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	QTY	UNIT RATE	SUBTOTAL
ENGINEERING DESIGN SUBTOTAL:					\$0.00

MISCELLANEOUS

CATEGORY	ITEM	UNIT	QTY	UNIT RATE	SUBTOTAL	NOTES
MISCELLANEOUS SUBTOTAL:					\$0.00	



McHone, Kammy <kammy.mchone@iowa.gov>

Washout- Webster Co - Fort Dodge - Washout at Bass Creek - Link 512 - EC Estimate

1 message

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

Mon, Jul 7, 2025 at 11:49 AM

To: Executive Council group email <ExecutiveCouncil@tos.iowa.gov>, "Dana [AOS] Davis" <Dana.Davis@aos.iowa.gov>, Ryan Mulhall <ryan.mulhall@icn.state.ia.us>, Kammy McHone <kammy.mchone@icn.state.ia.us>, Scott Pappan <scott.pappan@icn.state.ia.us>, "Harris, Victoria [ICN]" <victoria.harris@iowa.gov>, Jacob Jordan <jacob.jordan@iowa.gov>, Connor Kuehl <connor.kuehl@icn.state.ia.us>

Good morning,

An ICN field technician discovered exposed warning tape and shallow cable in Webster County. Repair will require placement of new cable and maintenance splices. The ICN would like to submit this as a claim for reimbursement for damages due to natural causes (erosion). Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Dave Augspurger

Sr Telecom Specialist | OSP Lead

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From: **Jordan, Jacob** <jacob.jordan@icn.state.ia.us>

Date: Mon, Jul 7, 2025 at 10:49 AM

Subject: LOG 94250201 - Webster Co - Fort Dodge - Washout at Bass Creek - Link 512 - EC Estimate

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

Dave,

Info attached to send to EC for washout at Bass Creek north of Fort Dodge on Link 512.





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