

## Partnership Proposal for Expanding Rural Internet Connectivity in Ridgeway

**Introduction:** We are SWWIS, a small wireless internet provider based in Dodgeville. While we currently do not have a physical office, we ensure timely responses to both text messages and emails. Our goal is to be as flexible and accommodating as possible to meet the needs of our customers.

### Objectives:

- Expand high-speed internet access to rural areas surrounding Ridgeway.
- Provide connectivity to the Ridgeway wastewater treatment plant and the park by the water tower.

### Proposal:

- **Mount an Antenna:** We propose renting space on the Ridgeway water tower to install one antenna initially.
- **Benefits:** This will enable us to provide high-speed internet to underserved rural areas around the village.
- **Community Support:** In return, we will offer complimentary internet access to locations in Ridgeway, such as the wastewater treatment plant and the park by the water tower.

### Value Exchange:

- **Lower Rental Rate:** In exchange for a reduced, fixed rental cost for the tower space, we will provide free internet access to the wastewater treatment plant and the park by the water tower, along with any future needs.
- **Future Needs:** Although we are currently seeking space for one antenna, we anticipate requiring additional space in the future as demand for our services grows.
- **Community Engagement:** We will host community-focused promotional events to raise awareness about our services and the benefits of high-speed internet access.

### Implementation Plan:

1. **Site Assessment:** Conduct a feasibility study on the Ridgeway water tower to ensure it meets technical requirements.
2. **Installation:** Schedule and complete the antenna installation with minimal disruption to the community.
3. **Testing and Launch:** Thoroughly test the system to ensure optimal performance, followed by the official launch of the service.

### Benefits to Ridgeway:

- Increased internet accessibility for rural residents, promoting digital inclusion.
- Enhanced connectivity for the wastewater treatment plant and park, improving operational efficiency and community resources.
- Support for local initiatives, potentially attracting more residents and businesses to Ridgeway and its surrounding areas.

### Conclusion:

- This partnership offers mutual benefits, positively impacting Ridgeway and the surrounding rural areas.
- We urge the Ridgeway village board to approve this proposal and initiate the partnership.