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BEK Communications Announces 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting

Steele, N.D. – 5-12-2020 – BEK Communications Cooperative today announced that its 2020 Annual Meeting of members will be held in a virtual-only format. There will not be an in-person supper or meeting at the Kidder County School this year due to continued public health concerns related to coronavirus / COVID-19, and to support the health and well-being of our members' other meeting participants.

BEK TV will broadcast the virtual annual meeting live [on June 11, 2020, at 7 p.m.](#) across BEK digital television and over the air on KNDM, KNDB, and KRDK. The Annual Meeting will also be live-streamed on Facebook, YouTube, and the BEK website. Full channel listings are available at BEK.coop.

In keeping the community setting during the virtual annual meeting, President Brett Stroh and CEO Derrick Bulawa will be available to answer questions submitted by members via the comment section on Facebook Live. Also, the annual door prize drawings and the giving of the kid's prizes will be part of this year's virtual meeting.

BEK TV has produced an information Annual Meeting Preview video featuring BEK board of directors president Brett Stroh and cooperative attorney Monte Rogneby from Vogel Law. The video explains the procedural process and reasons for holding a virtual annual meeting, as well as discussion regarding the proposed bylaw amendments. BEK will televise the video Sundays [at noon](#) and [7:00 p.m.](#) on BEK channel 4/1004 in the east and 2/1002 in the west. As well as frequently on BEK channel 29/1029 in the east and 28/1028 in the west. We will also host the Annual Meeting Preview on our website and social media for convenient viewing.

The 2019 annual report will mail at the end of May. Along with the expected 2019 financial and director reports, the annual report will also include sample ballots and the full meeting agenda so members can follow along during the virtual annual meeting broadcast.

Member voting will be done by mail this year. Approximately [on May 26](#), members will receive a ballot in the mail relative to their cooperative district. On the ballot are sections for approving



the 2019 annual meeting minutes, director election if applicable, and for approving the three amendments to the cooperative bylaws. Members must sign and return ballots on or [before June 5, 2020](#), for their vote to be counted.

BEK board of directors president Brett Stroh shared his thoughts on the virtual annual meeting, "The board is incredibly sad that we can't hold our annual meeting in Steele this year. It's an unprecedented time, and as directors, we always consider the health and safety of our members. We are also proud of BEK's investment in our infrastructure and media business that allows us to host a virtual annual meeting."

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About BEK Communications Cooperative

BEK Communications Cooperative, founded in 1952, is a communications services company headquartered in Steele, North Dakota. In the last 68 years, the company has grown to include branch offices in Bismarck and Valley City and now serves nearly 11,000 customers. BEK provides fiber-based voice, Gigabit broadband and IP television services; cloud-based security, automation, surveillance, voice and storage services; and hospital and business communications solutions in North Dakota. The company also provides statewide sports broadcasting and national news reports on the BEK TV Network, and television content across North Dakota through KNDM, KNDB, KRDK.

BEK emphasizes their fast, friendly, local service experience and a broad portfolio of high-quality communications, broadcasting and advertising services.