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Board Approves \$1.9 Million Construction Bid

The Board of Directors of Polar Communications at their regular monthly meeting approved the 2006 construction bid. The bid was awarded to Aerial Contractors of Moorhead, MN totaling \$1.9 million.

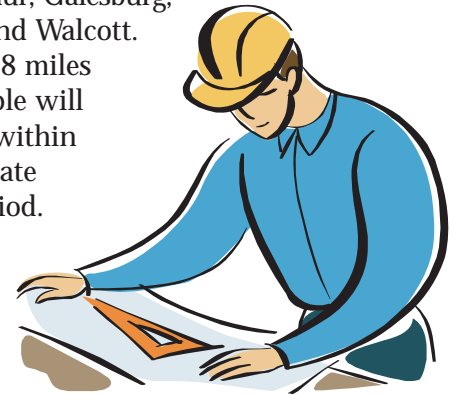
The construction will involve installing copper and fiber optic cable and Serving Area Interface (SAI) cabinets. Installing the cabinets allows us to bring services such as voice, high speed Internet, and video closer to the customer. By placing the SAI Cabinets within 12,000 feet of the customer, Polar will be able to offer these services over a twisted pair of cable, which was not possible with the present plant design.

“This project will further Polar’s objective to

provide high speed Internet and other advanced services to our customers.” said Brian Udby, Polar Communications Board President.

Construction will be happening in the exchanges of Cavalier, Drayton, Michigan, Hunter, Arthur, Galesburg, Wolverton and Walcott.

A total of 268 miles of buried cable will be installed within an approximate 6-month period.



Nominating Committee Meets

The Polar Communications nominating committee, as elected by the members at their annual meeting, met on March 2, 2006, at the Polar headquarters in Park River.

Committee members in attendance were: Vice Chairperson Zeldia Hartje, Cavalier – District 1; Roy Paton, Neche – District 1; Eugene Loftsgard, Park River – District 2; Chairperson Gary McLaughlin, Lankin – District 3; Ronald Dahlen, Michigan – District 3.

Polar Board Directors whose terms expire in June are Ron Steinke, Joe Torgerson, and Peter K. McKenzie.

The following were nominated for the three positions as directors to be considered at the annual meeting: Ron Steinke, Cavalier – District 1; Joe Torgerson, Fairdale – District 2; Peter K. McKenzie, Michigan – District 3; Harold J. Bergquist, Lakota – District 3. Nominating

Committee Members whose terms expire in June are Roy Paton, Charles Mielke, and Ronald Dahlen.

The following were nominated for the three positions as nominating committee members to be considered at the annual meeting: Roy Paton, Neche – District 1; Charles Mielke, Edinburg – District 2; Ronald Dahlen, Michigan – District 3.

Nominations for the board of directors can also be made by petition, when fifteen or more members of Polar acting together sign a petition, which must be received no later than May 12, 2006, at 4:00 p.m. Nominations for positions on the board of directors and nominating committee can also be made from the floor at the meeting. To find the service areas that make up each district please refer to Article IV, Section 2 of the Bylaws of Polar Communications found in your telephone directory.



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Polar's 2005 Annual Eagle Award Recipient Was Reed Daws

Polar's 2005 Annual Eagle Award recipient was Reed Daws. Reed has worked in the Special Services department at Polar for 9 years. He was nominated and voted on by his peers based on the following qualifications: Goes above and beyond normal job responsibilities, will do whatever it takes to get the job done, provides new and creative ideas, shows outstanding company dedication, demonstrates teamwork and accepts challenges, is involved in the community and/or volunteer work, demonstrates outstanding customer service and/or assistance, and promoted a positive attitude.



Reed Daws

Congratulations on this well-deserved award Reed!

Amber Meyer Appointed to Polar Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of Polar Communications at their regular meeting on Thursday, February 23rd appointed Amber Meyer of St. Thomas to the Director position for District 1.

Amber has an extensive background in finance and currently holds the position of Store Manager/Licensed Banker for Wells Fargo's Grafton Branch Office. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration and Organizational Communication from Concordia College. Amber's community involvement includes positions on the Grafton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the St. Thomas City Council. She and her husband, Jason, reside near St. Thomas.

This position will fill the vacancy of Mary Holm's unexpired term through June of 2007.



Amber Meyer

Myrvik Retires After 38 Years

Judy Myrvik began her employment with Polar Communications in 1968 as a student of WCAS's Office Practices Class working in the Commercial/Plant Department. In June of the same year, the clerk she was training under decided to leave Polar to further her education and Judy had the opportunity to begin working full-time. Little did she know she'd be at Polar for the next 38 years!

Through the years Judy worked as a Confidential Secretary of the Military Department during the years Polar was involved in the work performed for the startup of the MSR Site located at Nekoma and the PAR Site north of

Mountain. Following the shut down of the Military Department she performed various duties including cashier, dispatching calls and secretarial assistance. In 1999 she was named to the Management team as the Marketing Manager/Administrative Assistant. At the time of her retirement she was the Administrative Services Manager.

Judy's last day at Polar was February 24th, 2006. Judy and her husband Darrell plan to move to West Fargo which will bring them closer to their children and grandchildren.

Best wishes on a happy and healthy retirement Judy!



Judy Myrvik

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