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## Polar Awards Technology Grants to Area Schools

Polar Communications recently announced they have awarded two schools in their service territory a total of \$5,000 in Polar Technology Grants. Polar's Technology Grant provides funding for PK-12 schools enabling the purchase of hardware, software, contracted services and other technologies that target student achievement through technology integration. Applicants were required to submit their proposals, including an overview of their project abstract, goals, narrative, and budget information. Accredited PK-12 schools in Polar's service territory were eligible to apply. Polar Communications awards up to \$5,000 per year, with each grant not to exceed \$2,500.

Schools winning the 2014-15 Polar Technology Grants were: Edmore Public School, \$2,500 – "Millennial's Mastering Multimedia" project and Fordville-Lankin Public School, \$2,500 – "Computer Games for Critical Thinking" project.

This is the 7th year that Polar has provided this grant to schools they serve, totaling \$35,000 given to enhance technology in the classroom. Polar is proud to invest in our schools and the communities providing value for the future.



Fordville School Superintendent Michael O'Brien, along with Fordville students and Polar board member Jon McMillan.



Polar board member Joe Torgerson, Edmore School Principal Matt Ford, Business Manager Diane Martinson, and Edmore School Superintendent Frank Schill.

# Directory Advertising

Sales executives from Pinnacle Publishing will be in our area soon to begin selling advertising for the official 2015–16 directory. When you advertise in the Polar directory your ad will automatically be featured in our online directory at no additional charge! All website and email addresses are linked. Both the printed and online directories are great tools to increase visibility and connect with your customers. Get the most out of your advertising investment by placing an ad in the Polar Yellow Pages and online directory. For more information regarding advertising, contact Pinnacle Publishing at 800.343.8086 or visit [www.pinnaclepub.com](http://www.pinnaclepub.com).



Ethan Rogers



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# Applications For Board of Directors Being Accepted

Applications for the Polar Communications Board of Directors will be accepted for the election to be held during Polar's Annual Members Meeting on June 4, 2015. Positions to be filled are as follows:

District 1 – Position currently held by Ron Steinke is up for re-election.

District 2 – Position currently held by Joe Torgerson is up for re-election.

District 3 – Position currently held by Brian Udby is up for re-election.

## POLAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION PROCEDURE STEPS:

1. Any qualified member meeting the requirements of Section 3, Article IV of the company by-laws may request an application and petition from the cooperative headquarters. The forms can be picked up at Polar's front desk or can be found on Polar's website at [www.thinkpolar.com](http://www.thinkpolar.com).
2. Members shall submit a completed application and a petition containing a minimum of thirty (30) signatures of cooperative members from the district in which the applicant resides. Please note that a husband and wife constitute one membership. Either spouse may sign the petition as a member; however, the signature of a husband and wife on the petition may only be counted as one.
3. Completed applications and petitions should be submitted by March 20, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. to Polar Communications, Attn: Shari Flanders, PO Box 270, Park River, ND, 58270. Please contact Shari at 701.284.4343 with questions or email [sflanders@polartel.com](mailto:sflanders@polartel.com).
4. All nominations by petition are subject to verification. Once verification is complete, the candidate will be notified and their name will appear on the ballot at Polar's Annual Members Meeting.

To find the service areas that make up each district, please refer to Article IV, Section 2 of the by-laws of Polar Communications found in your telephone directory.

# Spring Construction Plans

Spring is right around the corner and Polar Communications is gearing up for another busy summer of construction. We will be installing approximately 1,000 miles of fiber optic cable from May to November. Polar has awarded a contract to Ripley's Inc., from Erhard, Minnesota. Ripley's will be finishing the exchanges of Neche, Pembina and Drayton, which were part of the 2014 project. They will then complete the exchanges of Gilby, Inkster, Niagara, Michigan and Lakota. Polar also awarded a contract to Telcom Construction from Clearwater, Minnesota. They will be completing the exchanges of Hoople, Park River, Edinburg, Mountain, Adams and Fordville.

By the end of the 2015 construction season, all Polar customers will have fiber optic cable to their home or business. Polar has sent drop permits to all customers that will be receiving the fiber during this project, and we ask that you return those drop permits to us if you haven't already done so. Technicians have already started visiting homes and placing network interface devices (NIDs) on the sides of homes. This is where the fiber optic cable will be installed to. This process will continue for the next few months until all NIDs have been placed.

Polar hopes to begin construction in May. This will, of course, depend on our spring weather. If you have any questions regarding the construction please call us at 701.284.7221.

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## DIRECTORY UPDATES

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Amundson Ron & Joan	14306 1 St SE Clifford.....	701-488-2510	Moore Dewilliam S	res Pembina.....	701-825-6486
Bakken Jimmy	farm Fairdale.....	701-944-2472	Mora Kim	302 George St Drayton.....	701-454-3566
Berg Barbara J	15951 Highway 66 Drayton.....	701-454-3330	Mortenson Michele	res Wolverton.....	218-995-2001
Brader Brent	res Park River.....	701-284-7155	Olson Jennifer	220 3 St Arthur.....	701-967-8474
Briese Josh	9051 Highway 81 Glasston.....	701-257-6578	Olstad Robert J.	14622 7th St SE Galesburg.....	701-488-2295
Campos Keely	415 1 St W Hunter.....	701-874-2286	Park River Skating Rink	Park River.....	701-284-6577
Cirks Penny L.	5515 174th Ave Se Christine.....	701-998-2031	Penner Matthew	341 N 5 St Pembina.....	701-825-6463
Crump Brandon & Alma	13108 85 St NE Crystal.....	701-993-8248	Peotter Evan	801 Wadge Ave S Park River.....	701-284-7102
Devlin Betty M	res Lakota.....	701-247-2404	Peterson Farms Seed Inc	16656 18 St SE Hunter.....	701-874-2284
Diemert Samantha J	428 E 4 St Neche.....	701-886-7690	Pfau Christopher	Michigan.....	701-259-2139
Doll Jon & Amber	201 E 2 Ave S Cavalier.....	701-265-4704	Schreck Kevin & Teresa	res Park River.....	701-284-6510
Graham Michelle	106 S Adams St Edmore.....	701-644-2226	Schwanke Jared	350 4th St Arthur.....	701-967-8424
Hillier Tire	122 N Main St Drayton.....	701-454-3500	Skating Rink	Park River.....	701-284-6577
Hoerer Brent A	res Cavalier.....	701-265-3124	Spicer Danial	318 Maine St Christine.....	701-998-2035
Jerome Kim	425 S 2 St Pembina.....	701-825-6339	Spoonland Lindsay	res Park River.....	701-284-7639
Johnson Carol E	res Lakota.....	701-247-2190	Stabo Chad	480 Main Ave Edinburg.....	701-993-8181
Kenner Amanda	res Hunter.....	701-874-2248	Stegman Ian & Hannah	farm Neche.....	701-265-8086
Khokha Dneta	509 Bjornson Dr Cavalier.....	701-265-4452	Stoltz Brandon	301 Hill Ave N Park River.....	701-284-6480
Krabbenhofst Julie	104 1 St E Hunter.....	701-874-2191	Tegtmeier Tim & Louise	15188 12 St SE Hunter.....	701-874-2175
Landsem Kari M	res Edmore.....	701-644-2288	Tracy Michael	res Wolverton.....	218-995-2568
Larson E J Dr & Lana	120 North Star Dr Park River.....	701-284-6048	Tschumperlin Lisa	121 1 St Wolverton.....	218-995-2059
Latozke Dean	311 Bjornson Dr Cavalier.....	701-265-4500	Webster Scott	223 5th Ave St Thomas.....	701-257-6554
Lenzen Gary	16012 18 St SE Hunter.....	701-874-2141	Weinlaeder Farms	Drayton.....	701-454-6135
Lindsey Tim W	221 1 St Gilby.....	701-869-2340	Wilson Jonathan	105 N 4 St Drayton.....	701-454-6125
Lunde Rodger D	120 Main St Hensel.....	701-657-2181	Zieske Daryl L	234 3 St E Hunter.....	701-874-2247



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