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Fiber Broadband Association Elects 2022 Board of Directors

LENORA, Kan., December 14, 2021 – The Fiber Broadband Association (FBA) announced Monday it has elected its 2022 Board of Directors. Jimmy Todd, CEO/General Manager at Nex-Tech, was elected as the new Secretary of the Board for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2022.

"I am excited to be joining the Fiber Broadband Association's Board" stated Todd. "I appreciate the confidence expressed by the membership in electing me for this opportunity. Fiber plays an integral role in the communications infrastructure of today and for our future. FBA has been the leading voice for the benefits of a fiber optics broadband network and the fiber industry. I truly look forward to helping FBA efforts to educate and advocate on behalf of fiber broadband across the United States."

"The FBA Board of Directors plays a critical role in our effort to advance fiber deployment so that every community across North America can access high-speed reliable broadband. In 2021, our Board helped guide us through the momentous passing of the Infrastructure Bill that awarded \$65 billion for broadband investment," said Gary Bolton, President and CEO of the FBA. "As we look towards 2022, there is a huge opportunity for our industry to close the digital equity gap for good, and our newly elected Board has the expertise to help our members navigate this opportunity successfully. I congratulate our newest directors and officers, while also extending gratitude to those that served in 2021."

Elections for the Board of Directors were held at FBA's 2021 Premier Members Meeting in Washington, D.C. Subsequently, Board officers were elected at the Board meeting. The full 2022 Board of Directors includes:

Chair: Kevin Morgan, Chief Marketing Officer, Clearfield

Vice Chair: Joseph "JJ" Jones, Executive Vice President, On Trac, Inc.

Secretary: Jimmy Todd, CEO and General Manager, Nex-Tech

Treasurer: Joe Jensen, Director, Americas Market Development, Corning

Immediate Past Chair: Katie Espeseth, Vice President of New Products, EPB

Joanne Hovis, President, CTC Technology & Energy

Mark Boxer, Technical Manager – Solutions and Applications Engineering, OFS

Scott Jackson, National Market Manager – Broadband, Graybar

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Ben Moncrief, Sr. VP – Strategic Relations and Managing Director - Alabama, C Spire

Three newly elected Board members will each serve three-year terms starting in 2022: Jimmy Todd, Scott Jackson and Ben Moncrief. Each of these new Board members are veterans of the telecommunications industry and have consistently contributed to the association’s Committees including the Public Policy Committee, Technology Committee, Deployment Specialists Committee and Marketing Committee.

About the Fiber Broadband Association

The Fiber Broadband Association is the largest and only trade association in the Americas dedicated to the pursuit of all- fiber-optic network infrastructure to the home, to the business and to everywhere. The Fiber Broadband Association helps providers make informed decisions about how, where, and why to build better broadband networks with fiber optics while working with its members to lead the organization forward, collaborate with industry allies and propel the deployment of fiber networks. Since 2001, these companies, organizations and members have worked with communities and consumers in mind to build a better broadband future here and around the world. Learn more at www.fiberbroadband.org.

About Nex-Tech

Nex-Tech connects thousands of people and businesses through a robust broadband network with cutting-edge technology. Nex-Tech’s powerful network architectures, including fiber-to-the-premise (FTTP) and fiber-to-wireless (FTTW) technologies, deliver leading-edge enterprise solutions to clients nationwide including a 24x7x365 Network Operations Center (NOC), CALEA compliance, enterprise cloud services, security, managed IT and advertising solutions. Headquartered in Lenora, Kansas, Nex-Tech is 70 years into providing exceptional service to business and residential customers.