

Hiawatha City Commission updated on fiber project

**(KNZA)--The Hiawatha City Commission heard an update Monday evening on Rainbow Communications fiber broadband network expansion project.**

**Angie Kreider with Rainbow provided an update on the \$5.4 million project to expand its fiber broadband network to customers homes.**

**She said they have two contractors working on the project, which began last year.**

**Kreider said the main line that is being buried is about 11 percent complete, while the main line that is aerial is about 80 percent complete.**

**She said they are looking at a late June or early July switch over to the new network, which will provide customers with faster internet speeds.**

**Kreider said customers should receive a letter around June talking about when new electronic equipment will be installed in their homes.**

**Rainbow ran fiber to businesses in 2014.**

**In other business, the Commission approved the replacement of the effluent meter at the sewer plant at a cost of \$15,897. Public Works Director Brad Scott said the current system for measuring the effluent wastewater leaving the sewer plant has been inoperable for a number of years.**

**As part of the consent agenda, the Commission approved a bid from Rainbow Fireworks in the amount of \$15,000 for the city's 2024 fireworks display. The fireworks display will take place on July 3rd.**

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