



**IMU BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ELECTRIC,
WATER AND COMMUNICATIONS UTILITIES**

November 8, 2021

5:30 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

Minutes

The Indianola Municipal Utilities Board of Trustees met in regular session on November 8, 2021 in the City Hall Council Chambers. Chairperson Voigts called the meeting to order and on roll call the following members were present: Deb Richardson, Adam Voigts, Mike Rozga and Lori Smith and, via Zoom (due to the pandemic), Lesley Forbush. ABSENT: None.

In public comment, Brad Ross, 812 North S Court, stated he had shared comments with the City Council supporting Adam Voigts and Mike Rozga. Steve Armstrong, 607 South N Street, spoke in favor of the leadership at IMU. Stephanie Erickson, 1102 East Kentucky Avenue also spoke in favor of the leadership of the Board and IMU General Manager.

Rozga moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Richardson seconded it. Question was called for, and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously. The consent agenda was as follows:

- Approval of Claims for October 28, 2021.
- Approval of Claims for November 9, 2021.
- Approval of September financial reports.
- Approval of Minutes from October 11 and 21, 2021.

Mike Metcalf, Electric Superintendent, stated staff is performing annual tree trimming, maintenance and locates. The department has also continued to work on downtown easements in regard to the Streetscape Project and is working with developers on projects for next spring.

Water Superintendent Lou Elbert reported the Water Department has been working on water main breaks, locates and maintenance. Supplies have been ordered to finish projects for a phase of the Streetscape Project and for hydrant repairs.

Richardson moved and Smith seconded to approve Resolution 2021-029 authorizing Teklink Communications to install drop conduit for IMU Fiber. In discussion, Communications Utility Superintendent Kurt Ripperger stated Bear is not able to continue performing the drops. The same subcontractor will do the work through TekLink. TekLink's pricing is similar to Bear's. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Richardson, Forbush, Voigts, Rozga and Smith. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Ripperger reported staff has performed outdoor plant work before winter; approximately 70 installations will be performed in November, including some new ones on South R Street; applications will be submitted for a grant to install fiber in a new area; and television contract negotiations were finalized last week.

In combined utility informational items, General Manager Chris Des Planques stated the strategic plan was discussed at the October 21 special meeting. He is working with the consultant on the draft plan.

Chairperson Voigts put on the public record that the current mayor has notified himself and Board Member Rozga that she intends to remove them from the Board, and they will go through the process afforded to them.

The Board did not enter into closed session.

At 6:00 p.m. Board Member Rozga moved to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Richardson seconded it. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Adam Voigts, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jackie Raffety, Deputy City Clerk