



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

November 22, 2021
City Hall Council Chambers
Minutes

The Indianola Municipal Utilities Board of Trustees met in regular session on November 22, 2021 in the City Hall Council Chambers. Chairperson Adam Voigts called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. 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.

Richardson moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Smith 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 minutes for November 8 and 10, 2021.

General Manager Chris Des Planques reported the Electric Department is doing work to prepare for winter.

Lou Elbert, Water Superintendent, reported the Water Department has finished concrete repairs, is working on water line tests in development areas and will be meeting with City staff regarding the West Boston and West Clinton Street projects.

Des Planques reported the Telecommunications Department is currently short-staffed which may cause some installations to be slightly delayed.

Richardson moved and Smith seconded to approve Resolution 2021-031 of Indianola Municipal Utilities (regarding the objection of authority to remove Board Members). On roll call, the vote was AYES: Richardson, Forbush, and Smith. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Voigts and Rozga due to potential personal benefit. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion passed.

In combined utility informational items, Des Planques stated he attended a MEAN meeting where solar energy was discussed.

At 5:49 p.m. Richardson moved to enter into closed session in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with legal counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent and where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the government. Smith seconded the motion. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Richardson, Forbush, Voigts, Rozga and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

At 7:06 p.m. Richardson moved to exit the closed session. Rozga seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Richardson, Forbush, Voigts, Rozga and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

At 7:07 p.m. Rozga moved, and Richardson seconded to enter into closed session in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Richardson, Forbush, Voigts, Rozga and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

At 9:01 p.m. Rozga moved, and Smith seconded to exit the closed session. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Richardson, Forbush, Voigts, Rozga and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Rozga moved at 9:01 p.m. to adjourn the meeting and Smith seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Richardson, Forbush, Voigts, Rozga and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Adam Voigts, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jackie Raffety, City Clerk