



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

April 11, 2022

5:30 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

Minutes

The Indianola Municipal Utilities Board of Trustees met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on April 11, 2022, in the City Hall Council Chambers. Chairperson Lori Smith called the meeting to order and on roll call the following members were present: Deb White, Lesley Forbush (via Zoom due to the pandemic), Lori Smith, Mike Rozga, and Adam Voigts. Absent: None.

No public comments were offered.

Finance/HR Director Chris Longer discussed the revolving loan fund account and the water reserve. White moved to approve the consent agenda and Voigts 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
- Approval of Minutes of the prior board meeting
- Approval of February financial reports

General Manager Chris Des Planques explained the need for an engagement agreement for legal assistance on franchise agreements. Rozga moved to approve Resolution 2022-024 authorizing an engagement agreement with Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. in connection with the matter of the renewal or extension of certain expired transmission line franchises, with a correction of a scrivener's error in the city name in the first sentence. Voigts seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: White, Forbush, Smith, Rozga, and Voigts. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Electric Superintendent Mike Metcalf recognized IMU's linemen for National Lineman Appreciation Week. Metcalf also discussed an RFP for bore rigs and lead times on equipment purchases.

Voigts moved to approve authorization for Warren Water District to serve a customer within their territory upon proper notice to IMU since the customer is within 2 miles of the IMU territory, located at 11665 160th Avenue. White seconded it. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Lou Elbert, Water Superintendent, updated the Board on the Streetscape and West Boston water main replacement projects and inspection and repairs planned for the water tower near the pool.

In the Communications Utility update, Superintendent Kurt Ripperger reported the state grant documents have been processed and the projects will be lined up soon. He updated the Board on installations, the WRRF project, and the Justice Center project.

Des Planques reported legal counsel is finalizing contract details for the solar project.

Des Planques reported April is Safe Digging Month and encouraged residents to stay safe and keep utility lines in good condition by calling 811 before beginning outdoor projects.

In other business, Des Planques stated the 2050 vision plan was discussed at a recent MEAN meeting; and staff and Board Chair Smith will be interviewing two vendors for legal services.

Rozga moved to enter into closed session at 6:09 PM 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. White seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: White, Forbush, Smith, Rozga, Voigts. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

White moved at 7:51 PM to exit the closed the session and Smith seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: White, Forbush, Smith, Rozga, Voigts. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM on a motion by Rozga and seconded by White. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Lori Smith, Chair

ATTEST:

Jackie Raffety, City Clerk