



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

May 9, 2022

5:30 PM

City Hall Council
Chambers
Minutes

Call to Order

The Indianola Municipal Utilities Board of Trustees met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on May 9, 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, Lori Smith, Mike Rozga, and Adam Voigts. Absent: Lesley Forbush.

Public Comment

No public comments were offered.

Consent Agenda:

The Trustees directed staff to have the funds in the financial report broken down with any variances noted. Voigts moved to approve the consent agenda and Rozga 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 the March financial report.
- Approval of Minutes of the prior board meeting.

Electric Utility Action Items

Finance/HR Director Chris Longer explained Fund 625 was established for economic development reasons and is not required to be a separate fund. This resolution will move the funds back to Fund 630. White moved to approve Resolution 2022-029 dissolving Fund 625 and returning the remaining amount to Fund 630. Voigts seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: White, Smith, Rozga, Voigts. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Forbush. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Electric Utility Informational Items

General Manager Chris Des Planques and MEAN representatives Shannon Coleman and Tim Cerveney reviewed the MEAN Integrated Resource Plan. Highlighted items were current contracts and the limitations those impose; capacity, energy and portfolios; and comments on Mid-American Energy's portfolio.

Anita Christensen, Bill Howard, and Al Farris, of the Indianola Sustainability Committee, provided comments to the Plan, noting they would like the plan to include more use of renewable resources.

Des Planques informed the Trustees that an opinion piece in the Indianola Independent Advocate had some comments about perceived deficiencies in the Plan. MEAN will submit a rebuttal about some misrepresentations.

Mike Metcalf, Electric Superintendent, stated digger trucks now have a 4-year lead time. They may look at rebuilding the current truck instead of purchasing a new one. The Department is on stand-by for generation this week due to high forecasted temperatures. With diesel prices currently high, staff would like to move \$70,000 in the FY22 budget for fuel to FY23, as prices may decrease. Trustees agreed this amendment should be made.

Water Utility Action Items

White 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 12753 140th Avenue. Voigts seconded it. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Water Utility Informational Items

Lou Elbert, Water Superintendent, stated they have received parts for filters and are working on right-of-way repairs due to water main breaks over the winter.

Communications Utility Informational Items

Telecommunications Superintendent Kurt Ripperger stated the lead time for installations is 3-4 weeks due to short staffing. He also led a discussion on federal subsidization for broadband users.

Combined Electric, Water and Communications Action Items

Voigts moved to approve an engagement letter with Dickinson, Mackaman, Tyler and Hagen PC for legal services and White seconded it. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously. Des Planques explained that on-going legal issues will be transferred to the new firm. Representatives of the firm will be at the next board meeting.

Combined Electric, Water and Communications Informational Items

Des Planques will attend MEAN committee meetings next week where the Integrated Resource Plan will be discussed and approved. He also provided an update on the solar project.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM on a motion by White and seconded by Rozga. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Lori Smith, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jackie Raffety, City Clerk