



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

June 27, 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 PM on June 27, 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), Lori Smith, Mike Rozga, and Adam Voigts. Absent: None.

Public Comment

There were no public comments offered.

Chairperson Smith recognized Board Member Forbush for her six years of service on the IMU Board of Trustees and shared some of her accomplishments while on the Board. Mayor Erickson thanked Board Member Forbush for her service.

Consent Agenda:

Rozga moved to approve the consent agenda and White 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 meetings

Electric Utility Action Items

General Manager Chris Des Planques explained the rebates available for residents and commercial businesses. IAMU assisted in calculating the rebate for Simplot Ag. Voigts moved to approve a custom rebate for Simplot AG (formerly Intrepid Ag) in the amount of \$9,160. White seconded it. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Electric Utility Informational Items

Electric Superintendent Mike Metcalf requested direction on purchasing diesel fuel for turbines. The Board of Trustees decided to continue monitoring fuel consumption and prices and not take any action at this time.

Water Utility Informational Items

Water Superintendent Lou Elbert stated Well 11 repairs are complete, that he had received quotes on capital improvement projects, and provided an update on construction projects. He also reported that hydrant testing will be performed in the coming days.

Communications Utility Informational Items

Communications Director Kurt Ripperger is working on the FCC data broad band report due that will drive expansions with federal and state dollars. He reported the communications utility has approximately 3450 customers.

Combined Electric, Water and Communications Action Items

Brad Bangtson, TrueNorth/Weinman Insurance, provided information on insurance for Fiscal Year 23. The Board requested to have more time next year to review the proposed insurance coverage and rates.

Rozga moved to approve Resolution 2022-033 approving liability, auto, property, worker's compensation and machinery and equipment replacement insurance for Fiscal Year 23. Voigts seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: White, Forbush, Smith, Rozga, Voigts. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Combined Electric, Water and Communications Informational Items

Des Planques reported negotiations continue on the solar project contract. The Board directed him to continue working on a joint contract unless it becomes clear that a joint contract is not in IMU's best interest.

Other Business

White moved to enter into closed session at 6:30 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. Voigts seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: White, Forbush, Smith, Rozga, Voigts. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Rozga moved to exit the closed session at 7:40 PM and 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.

There was no action taken on matters discussed in closed session.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM on a motion by Rozga and seconded by Voigts. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Lori Smith, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jackie Raffety, City Clerk