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

September 26, 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 September 26, 2022, in the City Hall Council Chambers. Vice Chairperson Deb White called the meeting to order and on roll call the following members were present: Dom Selgrade (via Zoom), Deb White, Mike Rozga (via phone), Adam Voigts. Absent: Lori Smith.

Consent Agenda:

Rozga moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Voigts seconded it. In discussion, Jackie Raffety, Clerk, noted that the minutes needed to be amended to the correct start time. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Selgrade, White, Rozga, Voigts. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Smith. Whereas the Vice Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

- Approval of Claims
- Approval of Minutes of the September 12, 2022, Board Meeting
- Resolution 2022-044 approving salaries.

Electric Utility Informational Items

Chris Des Planques, General Manager, stated the Electric Department is working on a substation project and undergrounding work for new developments.

Water Utility Informational Items

Water Superintendent Lou Elbert provided an update on the Boston Avenue Project, Streetscape Project and the water level for the Jordan Aquifer.

Communications Utility Action Items

Selgrade moved to approve Resolution 2022-045 ordering construction of the Pella Fiber Transport Network West to IMU and fixing a date for hearing thereon and taking of bids therefor. Voigts seconded it. In discussion, Telecommunications Director Kurt Ripperger explained why both the City of Pella and IMU should set a hearing and approve the bids. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Selgrade, White, Rozga, Voigts. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Smith. Whereas the Vice Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Selgrade moved to approve the purchase of Optical Transport System components from t3 Broadband in the amount of $92,388.29. Rozga seconded it. In discussion, Ripperger explained the purpose of the equipment. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Selgrade, White, Rozga, Voigts. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Smith. Whereas the Vice Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Communications Utility Informational Items

Ripperger stated the NOFA7 Phase 1 pre-construction bid meeting was well attended; the Pella Fiber Transport pre-construction bid meeting is tomorrow.

Combined Electric, Water and Communications Action Items
Des Planques stated the current risk consultation services vendor has a renewal contract for Board consideration. Voigts moved to approve Resolution 2022-046 authorizing an agreement with Weinman Insurance / TrueNorth Companies, L.C. of Cedar Rapids, Iowa for risk consultation services. Rozga seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Selgrade, White, Rozga, Voigts. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Smith. Whereas the Vice Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Combined Electric, Water and Communications Informational Items
Chris Longer, Finance/HR Director, stated that staff would like direction on IMU issuing an RFP for a salary survey. The Board directed staff to budget for a study in FY24 and have the information in time for the union contract renewal discussions.

Longer asked the Board to reach out to the auditor during the audit this week if there any questions about the process or finances.

Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m. on a motion by Voigts and seconded by Selgrade. Question was called for and on voice vote the Vice Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

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Lori Smith, Chair

ATTEST:

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Jackie Raffety, City Clerk