



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

February 13, 2023

5:30 PM

City Hall Council Chambers
110 N 1st St. Indianola, Iowa
Minutes

Call to Order

The Indianola Board of Trustees met in regular session at 5:30 PM on February 13, 2023, in the City Hall Council Chambers. Chairperson Lori Smith called the meeting to order and on roll call the following members were present: Dom Selgrade, Deb White, Lori Smith, Mike Rozga. Absent: Adam Voigts.

Public Comment

There were no public comments offered.

Consent Agenda:

White moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Selgrade seconded it. Treasurer Doug Shull gave the financial report for December 2022. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chair declared the motion carried unanimously. The consent agenda was as follows:

- Approval of Claims
- Approval of the December 2022 Financial Report
- Approval of Minutes of the prior board meetings

Electric Utility Informational Items

Electric Superintendent Mike Metcalf reported on the fuel purchase, the Westside Substation terminator and the job posting for an apprentice lineman.

Water Utility Informational Items

Interim Water Superintendent Justin Brand reported the department has been working on winter maintenance and a water main break.

Communications Utility Informational Items

General Manager Chris Des Planques reported the Communications Department is working on installations and testing new equipment.

Combined Electric, Water and Communications Action Items

Rozga moved to approve Resolution 2023-005 authorizing Denman and Company to perform audit services for Indianola Municipal Utilities and White seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Selgrade, White, Smith, Rozga. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chair declared the motion carried unanimously.

Selgrade moved to approve Resolution 2023-006 approving a shared services agreement with Indianola Municipal Utilities and the City of Indianola and White seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Selgrade, White, Smith, Rozga. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chair declared the motion carried unanimously.

White moved to approve Resolution 2023-007 approving a services proposal from Crystal Clear Communications and Selgrade seconded it. In discussion, the Board discussed getting quotes for these services from other companies. Board Member White rescinded her motion, Selgrade rescinded his second and White moved to table the resolution to the next meeting and Selgrade seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Selgrade, White, Smith, Rozga. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chair declared the motion carried unanimously.

Combined Electric, Water and Communications Informational Items

City Manager Ben Reeves proposed the City of Indianola's use of IMU office space on South Buxton Avenue. The proposal included the City making some capital improvements to the office space in lieu of rent and paying for office utilities. The Board stated the City and IMU managers can move forward with the plan and the Board will not need to take a vote on the agreement. Proposed improvements will also be given to the executive director for approval.

Finance/HR Director Chris Longer discussed the projected Fiscal Year 24 budget, noting no increases in health insurance or wholesale power expenses; increased revenue in the water and communication utilities; and increased expenses in risk insurance. She also shared the operating and maintenance budgets for each utility.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. on a motion by White and seconded by Selgrade. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chair declared the motion carried unanimously.

Lori Smith, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jackie Raffety, City Clerk