



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

February 27, 2023

5:30 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

110 N 1st St, Indianola, IA

Minutes

Call to Order

The Indianola Board of Trustees met in regular session at 5:30 PM on February 27, 2023, 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, Deb White, Mike Rozga, Adam Voigts. Absent: Lori Smith.

Public Comment

There were no public comments offered.

Consent Agenda:

Rozga moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Selgrade seconded it. Question was called for and on voice vote the Vice Chair declared the motion carried unanimously. The consent agenda was as follows:

- Approval of Claims
- Approval of Minutes of the prior board meeting

Electric Utility Action Items

Voigts moved to approve Resolution 2023-007 approving a purchase for a fiberglass service body for the Electric Department and Selgrade seconded it. In discussion, Electric Superintendent Mike Metcalf reviewed the bid request and the bids received. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Selgrade, White, Rozga, Voigts. NAYS: None. Whereas the Vice Chair declared the motion carried unanimously.

Electric Utility Informational Items

Mike Maloney, DA Davidson, reviewed the results of the electric utility's S&P rating of A-, noting that the rating shows the Board is being proactive in setting rates and managing the utility. The Trustees discussed electric rates data and comparisons. Staff is working on an educational tool for the public that shows how local rates compare to other communities.

Metcalf provided an update on the Square Reconstruction Project and repairs completed at the 111 S Buxton building.

Water Utility Informational Items

Interim Water Superintendent Justin Brand reported staff has worked on tank cleaning and repairs and replacing water meters. He stated Well 11 has failed but is under warranty for repairs.

Communications Utility Informational Items

General Manager Chris Des Planques reported installations have continued throughout the winter.

Combined Electric, Water and Communications Action Items

The Vice-Chair opened the public hearing regarding the Fiscal Year 24 budget. There were no public comments offered. The Vice-Chair closed the public hearing.

Rozga moved to approve Resolution 2023-008 approving the Fiscal Year 24 budget and Voigts seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Selgrade, White, Rozga, Voigts. NAYS: None. Whereas the Vice Chair declared the motion carried unanimously.

Rozga moved to approve Resolution 2023-009 approving a services proposal from Crystal Clear Communications and Selgrade seconded it. In discussion, Des Planques recommended moving forward with Crystal Clear Communications, as no local vendor has been secured. The Board discussed approving a six month contract and directing staff to reach out to other vendors. Rozga amended his motion to have a contract end date of June 30, 2023, and Selgrade seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Selgrade, White, Rozga, Voigts. NAYS: None. Whereas the Vice Chair declared the motion carried unanimously.

Combined Electric, Water and Communications Informational Items

Des Planques reported staff has been preparing information to share with the community about utility rates in Indianola. He stated that he has been invited as a panelist to discuss Green Energy at a conference in West Des Moines.

Des Planques confirmed Sandhills Energy will be presenting information about the solar project during the 2023 Sustainability Fair.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM on a motion by Rozga and seconded by Selgrade. Question was called for and on voice vote the Vice-Chair declared the motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Lori Smith, Chairperson

Jackie Raffety, City Clerk