



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

April 24, 2023

5:30 PM

IMU Customer Service Center
210 W 2nd Ave., Indianola, Iowa
Minutes

Call to Order

The Indianola Municipal Utilities Board of Trustees met in regular session at 5:30 PM on April 24, 2023, in the IMU Boardroom. 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

Rozga moved to approve the Consent Agenda and White seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Selgrade, White, Smith, Rozga. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously. The consent agenda was as follows:

- Resolution 2023-022 authorizing payment to Karl Chevy in the amount of \$48,490.00 for a 2023 1-ton Crew Cab for the Electric Department.
- Approval of Claims
- Approval of Minutes of the prior meetings
- Resolution 2023-023 approving health insurance benefits for the employees of Indianola Municipal Utilities

Electric Utility Informational Items

Electric Superintendent Mike Metcalf provided an update on the Square Reconstruction Project and a transmission line issue.

Board Member Voigts joined the meeting at 5:36 PM.

Water Utility Informational Items

Water Superintendent Justin Brand provided an update on the Square Reconstruction Project, Well 11 repairs, and hydrant flushing.

Communications Utility Informational Items

Telecommunications Director Kurt Ripperger provided an update on installations, the Pella-IMU transport route project and the NOFA projects.

Combined Electric, Water and Communications Action Items

White moved to approve Resolution 2023-024 approving a services proposal from Gradient 9 for website and newsletter services and Selgrade seconded it. In discussion, General Manager Chris Des Planques explained the terms of the contract. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Selgrade, White, Smith, Rozga, Voigts. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Combined Electric, Water and Communications Informational Items

The IMU staff reviewed the goals of the strategic plan for each department and the organization, noting that the goals have been completed or are currently in progress. A strategic planning session will be held this summer and will include setting new goals and policy discussions.

Utility Billing Supervisor Elisha Brown stated a CSR log review will be sent to the Trustees and discussed at the next meeting.

Other Business

White moved to enter into closed session at 6:14 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. Selgrade seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Selgrade, White, Smith, Rozga, Voigts. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by White and seconded by Selgrade at 7:21 PM to exit the closed session. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Selgrade, White, Smith, Rozga, Voigts. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously. There was no action taken on items discussed in closed session.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM on a motion by Rozga and seconded by Selgrade. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Lori Smith, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jackie Raffety, City Clerk