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

May 8, 2023
5:30 PM
IMU Boardroom
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 May 8, 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
White moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Selgrade seconded it. Treasurer Doug Shull reviewed the March financial report; claims and other Fiber revenue were also discussed. 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:

- Approval of Claims
- Approval of March 2023 Financial Report
- Approval of Minutes of the prior meetings
- Resolution approving salaries

Electric Utility Informational Items
Electric Superintendent Mike Metcalf reviewed the projects the department is working on.

Water Utility Action Items
Rozga moved to approve a water waiver request from the Veterans' Memorial Building Commission for water consumption and White seconded it. In discussion, General Manager Chris Des Planques stated the Board has historically donated 1.5 million gallons to fill the pool. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Water Utility Informational Items
Water Superintendent Justin Brand discussed a recent water main break and current projects the department is working on.

Communications Utility Informational Items
Telecommunications Director Kurt Ripperger updated the Board on the Pella Transport Line Project and NOFA South Project.

Combined Electric, Water and Communications Informational Items
Utility Billing Supervisor Elisha Brown explained calls are down between 2022 Quarter 1 to 2023 Quarter 1 due to increased emails, staff streamlining processes, and people paying online. The Board requested transfers and spam calls be split on the next data log.

Des Planques updated the Board on the solar project; stated he had attended the Green Energy Trends Workshop; and that on July 20, a strategic planning session will be held for the Board. He also noted that the Employee Appreciation Event is May 11 at the Line Shop and discussed the nationwide banking ACH issue that affected some utility customers and employees. The Board requested that information on the solar project be shared with the City Council.

Other Business
Selgrade moved to enter into closed session at 6:01 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. White seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Selgrade, White, Smith, Rozga. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Rozga and seconded by White at 6:50 PM to exit the closed session. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Selgrade, White, Smith, Rozga. NAYS: None. Whereas, the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

There was no action taken on items discussed in the closed session.

Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 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.

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Lori Smith, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Jackie Raffety, City Clerk