



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

August 14, 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 August 14, 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, Adam Voigts. ABSENT: Mike Rozga.

Public Comment

There were no public comments offered.

Consent Agenda

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

- Resolution 2023-036 approving payment application Number 3 for Turbine 8 Controls Project
- Approval of Claims
- Approval of June 2023 Financial Report
- Approval of Minutes of the prior meetings

Chairperson Smith moved to strike from the agenda the Resolution setting public hearing and letting dates for purchasing materials for the South K Street Paving Project to be discussed at a later date.

Electric Utility Informational Items

General Manager Chris DesPlanques and Water Superintendent Justin Brand shared the Electric Department is continuing work on the Square Reconstruction, focusing on conduit banks and locates. and the north and south alley portion of the project should be complete by the end of 2023, and the 25 year franchise process has been completed.

Water Utility Action Items

Voigts motioned to approve, and White seconded the authorization for Warren Water to serve two customers within their territory upon proper notice to IMU since the customers are within two miles of IMU territory, located at, 16251 HWY 92 and 11640 160th AVE Indianola, Iowa. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Selgrade, White, Smith, Voigts. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Water Utility Informational Items

Water Superintendent Justin Brand shared that the Water Department just completed the 3 year DNR Sanitary Survey, the new water truck is in service, and Well 11 is installed and will be operational soon,

and they are completing distribution maintenance and repair work.

Communications Utility Informational Items

Telecommunications Superintendent Kurt Ripperger shared that they are busy with new installs and gave updates on NOFA 8 grant app application which will be submitted next week, and NOFA 7 and Pella routes are moving forward, and router updates completed by end of September.

Combined Electric, Water and Communications Action Items

Selgrade moved to approve Resolution 2023-037 amending Section 6.9 Wellness Program in the Employee Handbook, and Voigts seconded it. In discussion, it was noted that it mirrors the city policy, and that employees must elect to participate, and the policy takes effect September 1, 2023. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Selgrade, White, Smith, Voigts. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Combined Electric, Water and Communications Informational Items

Chris DesPlanques and Chris Longer stated that they are preparing for financial audits next week, the solar project construction should be ready to commence next spring, and CSR Supervisor Elisha Brown noted the new CSR office hours.

Adjourn

Voigts moved to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. and White seconded it. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Lori Smith, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Monica Thompson, Secretary