



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

August 28, 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 August 28, 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, Adam Voigts. Absent: None.

Public Comment

There were no public comments offered.

Consent Agenda

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

- Approval of Claims
- Approval of Minutes of the prior meetings

Electric Utility Informational Items

Electric Superintendent Mike Metcalf Shared updates on the Downtown Streetscape Project, the Turbine 8 Controls Project will likely be delayed 3 months due to a backorder for a part, the open position has been offered and accepted pending final pre-employment documentation, and that we were on standby but did not need to generate electricity last week.

Water Utility Action Items

Voigts motioned to approve, and White seconded the authorization for Warren Water to serve one customer within their territory upon proper notice to IMU since the customer is within two miles of IMU territory, located at, 9219 110th Avenue, Parcel ID 14000140441, Indianola, Iowa. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Selgrade, White, Smith, Rozga, Voigts. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Water Utility Informational Items

Water Superintendent Justin Brand shared that the Water Department has repaired main breaks, the Hillcrest water tower was cleaned and inspected, and are continuing distribution maintenance.

Communications Utility Action Items

Selgrade motioned to approve, and White seconded Resolution 2023-038 setting a public hearing and letting dates for the Fiber 2023-NOFA7-Phase2-RSNo9 project. In discussion, Kurt Ripperger explained that bids will be due September 15th, 2023, at 1pm and will be brought to the board for approval October 9th, 2023. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Selgrade, White, Smith, Rozga, Voigts. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Communications Utility Informational Items

Telecommunications Superintendent Kurt Ripperger shared that final approval for the Pella routes are signed and moving forward, NOFA 8 Grant application was submitted, and they are completing the NOFA 7 Bid packet.

Combined Electric, Water and Communications Action Items

Selgrade moved to approve Resolution 2023-039 Consideration of the approval of an agreement with IMPACT to administer the Iowa Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). In discussion, it was noted that it is unchanged from previous years. 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

General Manager Chris DesPlanques gave a summary of his trip to MEAN conference, the IMU annual financial audit went well and the report will be presented to the board later this fall. Chairperson Lori Smith gave a review of the K Street Project community meeting attended by herself, Chairperson Dom Selgrade and Chairperson Deb Smith.

Adjourn

Voigts moved to adjourn at 5:56 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