



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

September 25, 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 September 25, 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 approving payment application Number 4 for the Turbine 8 Controls Project.
- Approval of Claims
- Approval of Minutes of the prior meetings
- Approval of July 2023 Finance Report

Electric Utility Informational Items

Electric Superintendent Mike Metcalf shared that the Turbine Fuel Project is now on hold, gave updates on the Downtown Streetscape Project; the south alley is reopened for use, the north alley is nearing paving, and the west alley will be completed in the spring. IMU and City Engineers will be meeting to discuss logistics for the K Street Paving Project..

Water Utility Action Items

Selgrade motioned to approve, and Voigts seconded the authorization for Warren Water to serve three customers within their territory upon proper notice to IMU since the customer is within two miles of IMU territory, located at, 9534 R-63, 15504 Illinois St., and 9514 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 has repaired multiple main breaks and is continuing to work with the other services and contractors on the Streetscape Project- currently focusing on the West Alley portion.

Communications Utility Informational Items

General Manager Chris DesPlanques gave the Telecommunication Utility updates; the bids for the Fiber 2023-NOFA7-Phase2-RSNo9 project will be discussed at the next BOT meeting. The Pella route is in final steps and should be completed in October.

Combined Electric, Water and Communications Action Items

Voigts motioned to approve utility accounts to be written off and submitted to the state offset program, and to charge any applicable collection fees and Selgrade seconded. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Selgrade, White, Smith, Voigts. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

White motioned to approve, and Selgrade seconded the Resolution amending the IMU Employee Handbook to include Veterans Day as a paid holiday. 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

General Manager Chris DesPlanques gave a summary of his ongoing discussions with City manager Ben Reeves in regards to Capital Improvement Projects, the IMU Strategic Plan and proposed utility rate discussions.

Adjourn

White moved to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. and Selgrade seconded it. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Lori Smith, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Monica Thompson, Secretary