BOARD OF TRUSTEE MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION – NOVEMBER 10, 2014

The Board of Trustees met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on November 10, 2014 in the City Hall Council Chambers. Vice Chairperson Grant Johnson called the meeting to order and on roll call the following members were present: Heather Hulen, Grant Johnson, Pat Reding, and Deb White. Absent: Eric Vander Linden

The consent agenda consisting of the following was approved on a motion by Reding and seconded by Hulen. Question was called for and on voice vote the Vice Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

November 3, 2014 claims

October 27, 2014 minutes

General Manager Todd Kielkopf spoke regarding the street lights on the square. He stated the existing lights are temporary and the new "decorative" lights will be shipped December 4, 2014 and installed shortly thereafter.

Andrew Ross, Manager of Engineering with NMPP Energy presented an update about MEAN's (Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska) recent challenges, the wholesale energy operating environment, and outlook. Andrew stated that the main driver's of MEAN's electric rates to IMU are based on the market, the economy collapse in 2009 and natural gas prices competing with coal prices. Future plans of MEAN are to maintain long term strategy views and robust decision making. There have been and continue to be key leadership changes consisting of hiring analysts, internal staff changes, and most recently, the Director of Risk Management. IMU staff continues to collect information on the various attributes of resources which IMU is committed.

A motion was made by White and seconded by Reding to approve Change Order #6 to the Michels Power contract in the amount of $66,004. Of that, IMU is liable for $18,440. Question was called for and on voice vote the Vice Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

General Manager Todd Kielkopf presented the working draft of the IMU Strategic Plan. Additions to the draft include:

- New service programs, and positive internal relations
- Highlighting reliability, technology, and sustainability
- Innovation and sustainability
- Review how other municipal utilities work to encourage community growth and public engagement
- Promote the adoption of smart growth strategies and economically viable sustainability policies
- Analyze and report on community engagement collaborations that promote energy efficiency such as Grants to Green and energy efficiency project funding
- Pursue a 2nd USDA Revolving Loan Fund
- Evaluate commercial & industrial electric rate design in conjunction with any structural changes to the pricing of wholesale energy
- Promote the development of ventures, start-ups, and new opportunities through support of the IMU Partners Program
- Improve the IMU Board's understanding of shared functions, roles of each, and level of involvement in setting expectations

- Improve the coordination of union negotiations and analyzing employee benefits with City of Indianola policymakers
- Push notification systems (WINS) for outages and customer notifications
- Accounting and HR workflows
- OSHA workflow systems
- Evaluate the value of deploying a "City App"

It was asked by the Board to have the General Manager follow up with a priority list of CIP projects in January 2015.

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by White to approve the certificate of final completion – Dig America Contract for the 2011 Indianola Hwy 65/69 Underground Conversion Project. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Hulen and seconded by White.

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Grant Johnson, Vice Chairperson	Diana Bowlin, City Clerk