

## INDEPENDENCE TELECOM UTILITY

### MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 31, 2023

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Independence Telecommunications Utility was called to order at 9:41 a.m. on August 31, 2023 in the administrative office building. Chairman Lance Fricke presided. Present at the meeting via audio/video or in person were Trustees Michelle Burke and Amber Hunt. Absent; Mike Lenius and Jerry Stelter. Also, present were Kevin Sidles, Seth Modderman, Melissa Hearn, Sara Wilson, and Brian Eddy. Votes were unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

Consent Agenda: Inclusive of the minutes of the July 27, 2023 regular meeting, Bills #20948-20978; electronic payments #8805021-5064 and direct deposit advice #9903293-3308; Month end and operations reports were approved with a motion by Hunt, second by Burke.

Business Conducted: 1) No public request or comment. 2) Wilson reported the office was closed for part of the day on August 22, 2023 for training on MyAccount from WPPI; Johnson & Quinn attended a virtual IUB Customer Service Meeting on August 3, 2023; Income Offset Program will be administered by the Iowa Department of Revenue in place of Department of Administrative Services effective November 13, 2023. 3) Hearn reported preparing for Farmer's Market on September 23, 2023; Working on Winter Moratorium educational brochure for upcoming season. 4) Modderman reported **Internet** updates: a) C4 Utilization average; b) Calix Utilization at 1.9 Gbps; **Construction** updates: SW fiber build is 95% complete; Will start fiber conversions in September. **Outage** updates: None. **Phone** updates: None; **Cable TV** updates: None; **Internet** updates: Amazon Prime to install Streaming Cache. 5) Old Business – None. 6) New Business – Board of Trustees Self Evaluation tabled until December meeting when all members can be present. 7) The next regular Board meeting will be Thursday September 28, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. 8) An upcoming meeting has been set for Thursday October 26, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. 9) Burke moved to go into closed session at 9:51 a.m. to discuss competitive information, Iowa Code 22.7(6), second by Hunt. 10) ITU back into regular session at 9:53 a.m. 11) Moved for adjournment at 9:53 a.m. with a motion by Burke.

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Lance Fricke, Chairperson

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Mike Lenius, Secretary/Treasurer

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Date Approved