

**INDEPENDENCE TELECOM UTILITY
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

April 25, 2024

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Independence Telecommunications Utility was called to order at 9:19 a.m. on April 25, 2024, in the administrative office building. Chairman Lance Fricke presided. Present at the meeting via audio/video or in person were Trustees, Michelle Burke, Amber Hunt, and Mike Lenius. Absent; Jerry Stelter. Also, present were Kevin Sidles, Ryan Decker, Sara Wilson, and Brian Eddy. Votes were unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

Consent Agenda: Inclusive of the minutes of the March 28, 2024, regular meeting, Bills #21228-21261; electronic payments #8805396-5453 and direct deposit advice #9903429-3452; Month end and operations reports were approved with a motion by Hunt, second by Burke.

Business Conducted: 1) No public request or comment. 2) Sidles reported the Telecom Operations Dashboard. 3) Wilson reported 2023 Audit is currently underway with fieldwork completed the week of April 15, 2024; Income Offset Matches are at \$6,060 year to date; 2023 Year in Review Board of Trustees' Letter will be mailed with the May Statement. 4) Decker reported **Construction** updates: Contractor has begun on West side of town; Crew putting up aerial mainline. **Outage** updates: an outage reported on North side of town for 45 minutes on April 18, 2024 due to failed equipment. **Phone** updates: No changes; **Cable TV** updates: No changes; **Internet** updates: Cell tower traffic in process to be upgraded. 5) Old Business – None. 6) New Business – Wilson presented the 2023 Write Offs. 7) A motion by Hunt to approve ITU 2023 write offs in the amount of \$5,816.55, second by Lenius. 8) The next regular Board meeting will be Thursday May 30, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. 9) An upcoming meeting has been set for Thursday June 27, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. 10) Burke moved to go into closed session at 9:34 a.m. to discuss competitive information, Iowa Code 22.7(6), second by Lenius. 11) ITU back into regular session at 9:39 a.m. 12) Moved for adjournment at 9:39 a.m. with a motion by Lenius.

Lance Fricke, Chairperson

Mike Lenius, Secretary/Treasurer

Date Approved