

## INDEPENDENCE TELECOM UTILITY

### MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 28, 2023

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Independence Telecommunications Utility was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 28, 2023 in the administrative office building. Chairman Lance Fricke presided. Present at the meeting via audio/video or in person were Trustees Amber Hunt, Mike Lenius and Jerry Stelter. Absent; Michelle Burke. 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 August 31, 2023 regular meeting, Bills #20916; 20979-21008; electronic payments #8805065-5120 and direct deposit advice #9903309-3324; Month end and operations reports were approved with a motion by Hunt, second by Lenius.

Business Conducted: 1) No public request or comment. 2) Motion by Lenius to amend the agenda to move the USDA Revolving Loan Fund Request from the ITU Agenda to the ILP Agenda, second by Stelter. 3) Wilson reported the USAC Schools & Libraries (E-Rate) Program was filed, funded and issued to the ICSD. 4) Hearn reported that ILPT participated at the Farmer's Market on September 23, 2023; giving bucket rides and door prizes, including several bill credits and a weed trimmer; we will continue to accept food in the office for the Food Pantry through the month of October. 5) Modderman reported **Internet** updates: a) C4 Utilization average; b) Calix Utilization at 1.9 Gbps; **Construction** updates: Construction complete; Fiber conversions underway. **Outage** updates: None. **Phone** updates: None; **Cable TV** updates: discussion on satellite feeds; **Internet** updates: none. 6) Old Business – None. 7) New Business – discussion on 2023 Capital Project standings and the proposed 2024 Capital Projects. 8) The next regular Board meeting will be Thursday October 26, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. 9) An upcoming meeting has been set for Thursday November 30, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. 10) Stelter moved to go into closed session at 9:46 a.m. to discuss competitive information, Iowa Code 22.7(6), second by Lenius. 11) ITU back into regular session at 9:49.m. 12) Moved for adjournment at 9:49 a.m. with a motion by Hunt.

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Lance Fricke, Chairperson

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Mike Lenius, Secretary/Treasurer

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Date Approved