

**INDEPENDENCE TELECOM UTILITY**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**January 23, 2025**

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Independence Telecommunications Utility was called to order at 9:04 a.m. on January 23, 2025 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, Mike Lenius and Jerry Stelter. Absent; none. 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 December 19, 2024 regular meeting, Bills #21528-21574; electronic payments #8805896-5950 and direct deposit advice #9903589-3604; Month end and operations reports were approved with a motion by Burke, second by Lenius.

Business Conducted: 1) No public request or comment. 2) Wilson reported that a team from WPPI visited our facility on January 21-22, 2025, to conduct a NorthStar Utilization Review and facilitate a workshop focused on our current system and processes; Donation requests from the Independence Post Prom and St. John Spring Fling Committees were reviewed and approved; Scholarships have been announced and are now available for students to apply. The deadline for submissions is March 28, 2025; The Cable rates for 2025 were included in the statements issued on January 7, 2025; Staff is working on yearend tasks. 3) Decker reported **Construction** updates: a) Contractors have completed the majority of their work for the season, with the exception of a few immediate tasks that require their attention; ILPT crews are currently working on splicing on the west side of town, and they are scheduled to begin operations on the north side at the beginning of February. **Outage** updates: None. **Phone** updates: Continuing our migration of support services for our phone switch; **Cable TV** updates: No changes. **Internet** updates: Email Shutdown and Decommissioning Plan. 4) Old Business – None. 5) New Business – Board of Trustee Officer Election. 6) A motion by Lenius for all positions to remain unchanged – Chairman: Fricke; Pro Tem: Burke; Secretary/Treasurer: Lenius; second by Burke. 7) Presentation and discussion of 2025 Health Insurance Renewal options. 8) Motion by Hunt to approve Health Insurance Renewal; second by Stelter. 9) Discussion on @indytel.com Webmail Service and Decommissioning Plan. 10) Motion by Burke to end @indytel.com Webmail Service effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025; second by Hunt. 11) The next regular Board meeting will be Thursday February 27, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. 12) An upcoming meeting has been set for Thursday March 27, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. 13) Moved for adjournment at 10:03 a.m. with a motion by Lenius.

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Lance Fricke, Chairperson

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Mike Lenius, Secretary/Treasurer

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Date Approved