

INDEPENDENCE TELECOM UTILITY
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 30, 2025

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Independence Telecommunications Utility was called to order at 10:26 a.m. on October 30, 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 September 25, 2025 regular meeting, Bills #21831-21872; electronic payments #8806384-6437 and direct deposit advice #9903752-3767; Month end and operations reports were approved with a motion by Burke, second by Lenius.

Business Conducted: 1) No public requests or comments were made. 2) Wilson reported that ILPT attended the Farmer's Market on September 27, 2025, the winner of the 55" Smart TV was Danielle Sattizahn; Staff members received CPR training and certification on October 14, 2025, and October 21, 2025, conducted by Kristi from Buchanan County Health Center; Plans to synchronize our pre-billing services and our metered post-billing services on the January 2026 Statement. 3) Decker presented Internet traffic is maintaining average utilization. Splicing continues, with service drops being installed to residences. Fiber conversions have begun with 50 complete. No outages to report. 4) Old Business: None. 5) New Business – proposed 2026 Budget discussion. 6) The 2026 Budget Public Hearing is set for Wednesday November 26, 2025, at 9 a.m., with next regular Board meeting to follow. 7) An upcoming meeting has been set for Thursday, December 18, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. 8) Moved for adjournment at 10:50 a.m. with a motion by Hunt.

Lance Fricke, Chairperson

Mike Lenius, Secretary/Treasurer

Date Approved