

**INDEPENDENCE TELECOM UTILITY**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**February 29, 2024**

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Independence Telecommunications Utility was called to order at 9:32 a.m. on February 29, 2024 in the administrative office building. Chairman Lance Fricke presided. Present at the meeting via audio/video or in person were Trustees, Amber Hunt, Jerry Stelter, Mike Lenius. Absent; Michelle Burke. Also, present were Kevin Sidles, Ryan Decker, and Brian Eddy. Votes were unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

Consent Agenda: Inclusive of the minutes of the January 18, 2024 regular meeting, Bills #21163-21195; electronic payments #8805308-5356 and direct deposit advice #9903397-3412; Month end and operations reports were approved with a motion by Stelter, second by Hunt.

Business Conducted: 1) No public request or comment. 2) Sidles reported Linemen and Technicians participated in Hand & Power Tool Safety Training on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and PPE, Bloodborne Pathogens, First Aid, and Hearing Conservation Training on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024; Income Offset matches through February 23, 2024 are at \$230.35; Preparations for 2023 financial audit underway with audit currently scheduled for week of April 15<sup>th</sup>. 3) Decker reported **Construction** updates: Fiber to the Home construction scheduled to begin April 1, 2024. **Outage** updates: None. **Phone** updates: No changes; **Cable TV** updates: Set top boxes now available for \$5/month, Comedy TV and Justice Central channels to be added to cable line up April 1, 2024; **Internet** updates: 100 gig link scheduled for mid-summer. 4) Old Business – None. 5) New Business – None. 6) The next regular Board meeting will be Thursday March 28, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. 7) An upcoming meeting has been set for Thursday April 25, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. 8) Lenius moved to go into closed session at 9:39 a.m. to discuss competitive information, Iowa Code 22.7(6), second by Stelter. 9) ITU back into regular session at 9:43 a.m. 10) Moved for adjournment at 9:44 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