

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

December 19, 2024

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Independence Telecommunications Utility was called to order at 9:28 a.m. on December 19, 2024, in the administrative office building. Chairman Lance Fricke presided. Present at the meeting via audio/video or in person were Trustees, Amber Hunt and Mike Lenius. Absent; Michelle Burke and 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 November 21, 2024, regular meeting, Bills #21492-21527; electronic payments #8805843-5895 and direct deposit advice #9903573-3588; Month end and operations reports were approved with a motion by Hunt, second by Lenius.

Business Conducted: 1) No public request or comment. 2) Wilson reported Sidles and Wilson met with Hub International on December 11, 2024 for insurance renewal; The 2025 Cable Rate Changes were included with the December 7, 2024 Statements; Participated in Jingle on Main with our Elf Phone Booth at Gedney Bakery; Wapsie Valley Creamery 2014 USDA Loan is paid in full leaving one remaining USDA Loan scheduled to mature in 2029; Staff preparing and completing tasks related to end of year. 3) Decker reported **Internet** updates: a) C4 Utilization average; b) Calix Utilization remains steady. **Construction** updates: a) Contractors currently on Hwy 150 North, moving to 13th Street and 6th Avenue; b) ILPT crews splicing and pulling fiber on West side of town. **Outage** updates: Outage reported on Wapsi Access Blvd on December 14, 2024 affecting 80 customers for 1 hour due to faulty electronics; Outage reported on Wapsi Access Blvd on December 16, 2024 affecting 80 customers for 1 hour due to faulty electronics. **Phone** updates: Switched support for the Phone System and Stir Shaken due to cost; **Cable TV** updates: NBC Sports Plus Chicago was replaced with CBS Sports and ESPNU; Channel 125 was replaced with World Fishing Network; In process of changing Channel 19 (POP) to Channel 97; Adding Smithsonian Channel 98. **Internet** updates: None. 4) Old Business – None. 5) New Business – Sidles presented year to date ICAN report. 6) Utility Board of Trustees Self-Evaluation tabled until August 2025. 7) Discussion and review of ILPT/City Billing Agreement. 8)The next regular Board meeting will be Thursday January 23, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. 9) An upcoming meeting has been set for Thursday February 27, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. 10) Moved for adjournment at 9:53 a.m. with a motion by Lenius.

Lance Fricke, Chairperson

Mike Lenius, Secretary/Treasurer

Date Approved