

INDEPENDENCE TELECOM UTILITY

MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 19, 2023

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Independence Telecommunications Utility was called to order at 9:29 a.m. on January 19, 2023 in the administrative office building. Chairman Lance Fricke presided. Present at the meeting via audio/video or in person were Trustees Mike Lenius and Amber Hunt. Absent; Michelle Burke and Jerry Stelter. Also, present were Kevin Sidles, Seth Modderman, Melissa Hearn, Sara Wilson and Lans Flickinger. Votes were unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

Consent Agenda: Inclusive of the minutes of the December 22, 2022 regular meeting, Bills #19722, #20700-20747; electronic payments #8804700-4744 and direct deposit advice #9903173-3188; 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 Staff preparing and completing tasks related to end of year; Currently have 336 customers choosing paperless billing option, up slightly from a year ago; Internet package changes and addition of the Residential Gig Service has been updated in our system and are ready for February. 3) Hearn reported there will be four scholarships available to students again this year; Plan to launch new Mobile App in February. 4) Modderman reported **Internet** updates: a) C4 Utilization up slightly from last month; b) Calix Utilization up slightly from last month; **Construction** updates: a) Fiber Conversions are in full swing; 95 conversions left to complete. **Outage** updates: a) Node 9 outage; **Phone** updates: a) Purchase order sent for Stir/Shaken (FCC requirements); **Cable TV** updates: a) C-band upgrades in progress; **Internet** updates: a) None. 5) Modderman reported upcoming items: **Construction:** a) Continue working on conversions. b) Preparing for 2023 build. **Cable:** a) Continue any C-BAND moves. **Internet:** a) None. 6) Old Business – None. 7) New Business – Motion by Hunt to approve Health Insurance Renewal as presented in ILP session; second by Lenius. 8) Motion by Hunt to approve Property, Auto and Workers Compensation Insurance Renewal with PDCM as presented in ILP session; second by Lenius. 9) Board of Trustees Officer Election tabled until next month when all members can be present. 10) The next regular Board meeting will be Thursday February 23, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. 11) An upcoming meeting has been set for Thursday March 30, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. 12) Hunt moved to go into closed session at 9:35 a.m. to discuss competitive information, Iowa Code 22.7(6), second by Lenius. 13) ITU back into regular session at 9:37 a.m. 14) Moved for adjournment at 9:38 a.m. with a motion by Hunt, second by Lenius.

Lance Fricke, Chairperson

Mike Lenius, Secretary/Treasurer

Date Approved