

INDEPENDENCE TELECOM UTILITY

MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 30, 2023

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Independence Telecommunications Utility was called to order at 9:12 a.m. on March 30, 2023 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, Seth Modderman, Melissa Hearn, Sara Wilson and Lans Flickinger. Votes were unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

Consent Agenda: Inclusive of the minutes of the February 23, 2023 regular meeting, Bills #20779-20806; electronic payments #8804787-4837 and direct deposit advice #9903205-3220; Month end and operations reports were approved with a motion by Burke, second by Stelter.

Business Conducted: 1) No public request or comment. 2) Wilson reported Income Offset matches through March 30, 2023 are at \$5,964; 2022 Audit is scheduled for the week of April 17, 2023; Received 2022 IAMU Safety Dividend of \$1,220.49; Linemen and Technicians participated in Basic Electrical Safety, Fire Prevention and Fall Protection Training on March 28, 2023; A mock safety inspection took place on March 28, 2023 with the Safety Committee and Patrick Klein from PDCM. 3) Hearn reported seven Scholarship applications have been returned. 4) Modderman reported **Internet** updates: a) C4 Utilization down slightly from last month; b) Calix Utilization up slightly from last month; **Construction** updates: a) 2023 Construction begins week of April 3, 2023. **Outage** updates: a) None; **Phone** updates: a) Implementation of Stir/Shaken scheduled with next available Microsoft P.E.; **Cable TV** updates: a) None; **Internet** updates: a) Modderman and Decker to attend IAMU conference in Des Moines April 5-6, 2023 . 5) Old Business – None. 6) New Business – Discussion on Resolution Authorizing Application for USDA Loan. 7) Motion by Lenius to sign Resolution No. 2023-01, Resolution Authorizing Application for Rural Economic Development Loan, second by Stelter. 8) The next regular Board meeting will be Thursday April 27, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. 9) An upcoming meeting has been set for Thursday May 25, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. 10) Stelter moved to go into closed session at 9:49 a.m. to discuss competitive information, Iowa Code 22.7(6), second by Burke. 11) ITU back into regular session at 9:52 a.m. 12) Moved for adjournment at 9:52 a.m. with a motion by Hunt, second by Burke.

Lance Fricke, Chairperson

Mike Lenius, Secretary/Treasurer

Date Approved