

# INDEPENDENCE TELECOM UTILITY

## MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 25, 2021

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Independence Telecommunications Utility was called to order at 9:51 a.m. on March 25, 2021 in the administrative office building. Chairman Stephany Harvey presided via audio/video. Present at the meeting via audio/video were Trustees Gerald Stelter, Lance Fricke, Mike Lenius and Amber Hunt. Absent: None. Also, present were Kevin Sidles, Linda Kress, Josh Vandenburg, Melissa Hearn, Sara Wilson and Lans Flickinger. Votes were unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

Consent Agenda: Inclusive of the minutes of the February 25, 2021 regular meeting, Bills #19943-9980; electronic payments #8803604; #8803645-3693 and direct deposit advice #9902787-2802; Month end and operations reports were approved with a motion by Lenius, second by Fricke.

Business Conducted: 1) No public request or comment. 2) Kress reported IAMU safety dividend presented in the amount of \$1,867.86 3) Vandenburg reported **Internet** updates: a) C4 Utilization remains steady; b) Calix Utilization remains steady; **Construction** updates: a) Conversions continue on the NE & SW sides; b) Conversions and drops continue on SW side; **Outage** updates: a) No outages to report; **Phone** updates: a) New long-distance trunk to be used beginning March 29, 2021; **Cable TV** updates: a) Audit passed on HITS receivers, new receivers to be used beginning April 12, 2021; b) ION has removed ION+ and replaced with Bounce TV; c) ION has removed Qubo and replaced with Grit; d) WGN has rebranded to NewsNation. 4) Vandenburg reported upcoming items: **Construction:** a) Continue fiber conversions; b) Continue hanging aerial drops; c) Decommission Node 24; **Cable TV:** a) Begin receiver changes for Disney channels; **Internet:** a) no changes; **ILPT Internal Network:** a) Convert to new Firewall. 5) Presentation of Fiber Network Ring Map. 6) Old Business – None. 7) New Business – None. 8) The next regular Board meeting will be Thursday April 29, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.. 9) An upcoming meeting has been set for Thursday May 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. 10) Moved for adjournment at 10:16 a.m. with a motion by Hunt.

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Stephany Harvey, Chairperson

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Mike Lenius, Secretary/Treasurer

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Date Approved