

INDEPENDENCE TELECOM UTILITY

MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 30, 2021

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Independence Telecommunications Utility was called to order at 10:36 a.m. on September 30, 2021 in the administrative office building. Chairman Stephany Harvey presided via audio/video. Present at the meeting via audio/video or in-person were Trustees Lance Fricke and Mike Lenius. Absent: Gerald Stelter and Amber Hunt. 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 August 26, 2021 regular meeting, Bills #20156-20181; electronic payments #8803937-3983, 8804003 and direct deposit advice #9902895-2910; Month end and operations reports were approved with a motion by Lenius, second by Fricke.

Business Conducted: 1) No public request or comment. 2) Vandenburg reported **Internet** updates: a) C4 Utilization up slightly; b) Calix Utilization remains steady; c) New Aureon route & grooming complete to eliminate the need for equipment in Readlyn; **Construction** updates: a) Conversions continue on the NE side; b) Conversions continue on SW side; c) Fiber repair of King Ave complete; **Outage** updates: a) No outages to report; **Phone** updates: a) No changes; **Cable TV** updates: a) 148 of 185 channels converted to new C-Band spectrum; 3) Vandenburg reported upcoming items: **Construction:** a) Continue fiber conversions on NE and SW; b) Begin fiber conversion in NW; c) Verizon tower go live; **Cable TV:** a) Continue channel conversions; b) Replace satellite hardware on October 12, 2021; **Internet:** a) No changes. 4) Old Business – Board Self Evaluation: Consensus to discuss in closed session of the ILP Board meeting. 5) New Business – Deferred Compensation Plan (457) appointee. 6) Lenius moved that Sidles be appointed Trustee of the 457 Deferred Compensation Plan, second by Fricke. 7) New Business – 2021 Capital Project update. Discussion on 2021 capital project work-in-progress status and actual vs. budgeted costs. 8) New Business: 2022 project planning. Discussion on upcoming projects for year 2022 including project overview and proposed budget costs. 9) The next regular Board meeting will be Thursday October 28, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.. 10) An upcoming meeting has been set for Thursday November 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.. 11) Lenius moved to go into closed session at 11:20 a.m. to discuss competitive information, Iowa Code 22.7(6), second by Fricke. 12) ITU back into regular session at 11:22 a.m.. 13) Moved for adjournment at 11:22 a.m. with a motion by Lenius, second by Fricke.

Stephany Harvey, Chairperson

Mike Lenius, Secretary/Treasurer

Date Approved