INDEPENDENCE TELECOM UTILITY

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

August 27, 2026

Call to Order: The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of Independence Telecommunications Utility was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 27, 2026 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, Ryan Decker, Sara Wilson and Brian Eddy. Votes were unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

Consent Agenda: Inclusive of the minutes of the July 23, 2026 regular meeting, Bills #22174-22210; electronic payments #8806891-6938; and direct deposit advice #9903924–3947; Month end and operations reports were approved with a motion by Burke, second by Hunt.

Business Conducted: 1) No public comments or requests were submitted. 2) Wilson reported that the date has been set for September 26, 2026, to attend the Farmers Market. We will have the traditional bucket truck rides, Plinko, goodie bags, bill credits, and a chance to win a smart TV or leaf blower. The FCC Broadband Data Collection report has been filed, along with Library of Congress Report; both are mandatory semi-annual reports. Hearn and Sents are scheduled to attend the MACC annual conference in September. July Financial Dashboard was presented. 3) Decker reported that internet traffic utilization remains stable. Technicians are continuing to splice and convert residential locations to fiber optic service, with 758 conversions remaining. A planned outage occurred on August 20, 2026, at 3:00 a.m. affecting all customers for approximately one hour due to maintenance upgrades. Several outages reported on August 7, 2026 due to power outage from storm. 4) Old Business: General Manager performance review will be conducted in ILP closed session. 5) New Business: None. 6) The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. 7) An upcoming meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, October 29, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. 8) Moved for adjournment at 9:11a.m. with a motion by Lenius.

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Lance Fricke, Chairperson Mike Lenius, Secretary/Treasurer

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Date Approved