INDEPENDENCE TELECOM UTILITY

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

July 23, 2026

Call to Order: The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of Independence Telecommunications Utility was called to order at 9:30 a.m. on July 23, 2026 in the administrative office building. Chairman Lance Fricke presided. Present at the meeting via audio/video or in person were Trustees, Michelle Burke, Mike Lenius and Jerry Stelter. Absent; Amber Hunt. 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 June 25, 2026 regular meeting, Bills #22139-22173; electronic payments #8806845-6890; and direct deposit advice #9903908–3923; Month end and operations reports were approved with a motion by Burke, second by Stelter.

Business Conducted: 1) No public comments or requests were submitted. 2) Wilson presented the June Financial Dashboard. 3) Decker reported that internet traffic utilization remains stable. Technicians are continuing to splice and convert residential locations to fiber optic service, with 843 conversions remaining. An outage occurred on July 13, 2026, at 3:45 p.m., affecting about 2,000 customers for approximately 15 minutes due to third party equipment failure. 4) Old Business: None. 5) New Business: General Manager performance review tabled until next month. 6) The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 27, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. 7) An upcoming meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. 8) Moved for adjournment at 9:38a.m. with a motion by Stelter.

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Lance Fricke, Chairperson Mike Lenius, Secretary/Treasurer

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Date Approved