INDEPENDENCE TELECOM UTILITY

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 30, 2026

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Independence Telecommunications Utility was called to order at 9:25 a.m. on April 30, 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, and Jerry Stelter. Absent; Mike Lenius. Also, present were Kevin Sidles, Sara Wilson and Brian Eddy. Votes were unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

Consent Agenda: Inclusive of the minutes of the March 26, 2026 regular meeting, Bills #22039-22078; electronic payments #8806684-6742 and direct deposit advice #9903856–3871; 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 Audit for 2025 field work is complete; auditors are currently working on the financial statements. Income offset matches through April 30, 2026, are $9,268. Johnson, Quinn and Sents attended WPPI Technology Suite Conference on April 29, 2026. 3) Telecom Dashboard presented by Decker. 3) Decker also reported that Internet traffic utilization remains steady. Technicians continue to splice and convert residential locations to fiber, with 241 sites prepared for conversion, 272 requiring a drop, 245 needing mainline splicing and a drop to the premises, leaving 212 locations remaining. 4) An outage occurred on March 26, 2026, at 9:00 am, affecting all fiber customers for approximately 60 minutes due to a network issue. On April 2, 2026, there were two brief outages at around 9:20 am and 9:40 am affecting 24 customers with each outage lasting roughly 7 minutes due to a problem with the service provider. 5) Old Business – None. 6) New Business – None. 7) The next regular Board meeting will be Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. 8) An upcoming meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. 9) Moved for adjournment at 9:45 a.m. with a motion by Stelter.

Lance Fricke, Chairperson

Mike Lenius, Secretary/Treasurer

Date Approved