

The Harlan Municipal Utilities' Board of Trustees met in regular session, August 12, 2021, pursuant to the rules and regulations as set forth in the office of the Secretary. The zoom option was available as a convenience to citizens. All attendance is on-site unless noted. Present were Trustees: Terry Arentson, Randall, Rees, Nella Seivert and Michelle Erickson. Absent: David Tyrrel. Staff Present: Kenneth Weber, Jennifer Kelly, Darwin Gessert and Jim Gedwillo. Guests: Bob Bjoin, Gene Gettys & Aaron Anliker. Present via Zoom: Steve Nadel (legal counsel – Petition), Matt Hudson (local legal counsel), & Troy Schaben. Mike Anliker stated he was not able to dial in via Zoom but there were no others that stated the same.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the HMU Boardroom by Vice-Chairperson Rees.

Moved by Arentson, seconded by Seivert, to approve the agenda.

Moved by Seivert, seconded by Arentson, to approve the consent agenda which included: A) Approve Minutes of the Board Meetings of July 22, 2021; B) Abstract of Claims No. 1194 in the amount of \$864,951.51 and payment of same; and C) Upcoming Board Meetings of August 26, 2021 (Regular) and September 9, 2021 (Electronic). A roll call vote was taken as follows: Erickson – Aye; Arentson– Aye; Rees – Aye; and Seivert – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Arentson, seconded by Erickson, to receive and file the Clifton, Allen, Larson Appraisal as part of the Petition process. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Erickson – Aye; Arentson– Aye; Rees – Aye; and Seivert – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Arentson, seconded by Seivert, to approve the Resolution taking initial action regarding the potential discontinuance and disposal by sale of the Harlan Municipal Communications Utility; consider appraisals; determine fair market value; consideration of alternatives; approve information regarding the Municipal Communications Utility; order posting of information and mailing notice of proposed sale; council to call special election with the stipulation of adding the following verbiage at the end of the "Summary of Proposal": Although the Board of Trustees is currently not proposing to sell the municipal communications utility, for purposes of transparency the Board of Trustees wants it known that on August 10, 2021, an unsolicited letter containing an indication of interest in purchasing the communications utility was received by the utility. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Erickson – Aye; Arentson– Aye; Rees – Aye; and Seivert – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Arentson, seconded by Erickson, to approve Resolution No. 37-2021 - Resolution to Approve International Long Distance Telephone Rates. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Erickson – Aye; Arentson– Aye; Rees – Aye; and Seivert – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Nadel and Terry Arentson both exited the meeting at 5:06 pm.

Moved by Seivert, seconded by Erickson, to approve the Agreement for GIS Services which is an Annual Renewal in the amount of \$15,000 for mapping of Electric, Gas and Water distribution lines. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Erickson – Aye; Rees – Aye; and Seivert – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Seivert, seconded by Erickson, to approve the Electric/Natural Gas Vendor Agreement FY22 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program with West Central Community Action. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Erickson – Aye; Rees – Aye; and Seivert – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Following the CEO's report, the meeting was adjourned.

These minutes are as recorded by the Secretary and are subject to approval at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.

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CHAIRPERSON, David Tyrrel (*term 2023*)

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VICE-CHAIRPERSON, Randall Rees (*term 2025*)

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TRUSTEE, Nella Seivert (*term 2024*)

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TRUSTEE, Terry Arentson (*term 2021*)

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TRUSTEE, Michelle Erickson (*term 2022*)