

January 2021 Utility and Telecom Regular Board Meeting

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The regular Board meeting of the Board of Trustees for Alta Municipal Utilities and Alta Municipal Broadband Telecommunications Utility, City of Alta, Iowa was held at City Hall and electronically on January 12, 2021. The electronic meeting protocol that was authorized as a result of Governor Reynolds State Public Emergency Declaration issued on March 20, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and referencing Iowa Code 29C.6(6) and Iowa Code 21.8, 26.12, and 414.2 in relation to open meeting laws.

Chairman Clyde Bartel called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

- ROLL CALL** Present – Clyde Bartel, Todd Peterson, Gloria Sanders, Tyler Van Houten
Present electronically – Rob Hach
Absent – None
Also, present – Randy Tilk, Mitch Langschwager
Also, present electronically – Pam Henderson
- AGENDA** Tilk commented that the year for today’s meeting should be 2021 and was corrected on the posted agenda. Bartel noted that items # 12 and 13 be moved to the beginning of the meeting. Sanders made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Bartel. Ayes: All Nays: None
- ELECTRIC LINEMAN** Langschwager and Tilk commented on the five applicants that were interviewed for the position of apprentice lineman, their qualifications of working out best for AMU, and gave the recommendation of Tanner Schiltz from Fort Dodge with having municipal utility experience. After discussion, Van Houten made the motion to offer Tanner Schiltz the apprentice lineman position at 1st Step \$26.80 an hour with review after 90 days and to work with him on a quicker available start date. Seconded by Hach.
Ayes: All Nays: None
- Tilk asked if any other candidate consideration if he does not accept the position. Bartel commented that would be addressed at the next meeting.
- WAGES & BENEFITS** Discussion was held on retaining linemen in the electric department, the AMU Journeyman Lineman Scale wages, and the wages/benefits that larger neighboring utilities can offer. Wage information was discussed that the 1st Step \$26.80 was a good starting wage for an apprentice and the need to get the journeyman wage 8th Step closer to the other utilities. Langschwager commented that AMU will continue to be a training facility for the larger utilities without getting the upper scale closer, any decision should not be based on him but to retain qualified linemen to stay to rebuild the electric system. Wage information and possible benefits was discussed. Van Houten made the motion to increase the Journeyman Scale wage to \$38.78 an hour with the 1st Step percentage to work to be around \$26.80 with Langschwager’s percentage of journeyman wage increase to \$42.27 starting on Monday, January 18th pay period. Seconded by Sanders. Ayes: All Nays: None

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Discussion was held on Utility Manager Tilk's salary, filling in as an extra lineman over the years, overseeing the construction projects, and covering calls when needed. Van Houten made the motion to increase Tilk's current salary 6% to \$93,232.78 starting on the January 18th pay period. Seconded by Bartel. Ayes: All Nays: None

Dental, vision, and other benefits were briefly discussed that would be for all AMU employees. Tilk was advised to talk with our Well Mark insurance HR advisor to present the available benefits with explanation of coverages and premiums at the February meeting. Langschwager thanked the Board and excused himself from the meeting.

UTILITY AND TELECOM MINUTES

Sanders moved to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2020 Municipal Utilities and Telecommunications meeting. Seconded by Bartel. Ayes: All Nays: None

SPECIAL UTILITY MINUTES

Sanders moved to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2020 Special Municipal Utilities meeting. Seconded by Peterson. Ayes: All Nays: None

UTILITY CLAIMS LIST

The following bills were presented for approval:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	FOR	DEC 20 PD JAN 21
Utilities		
Ag Partners	Customer-in-aid	\$2,135.80
Alliant Energy	Service	\$545.58
Alta-Aurelia Community School	Yearbook	\$25.00
Alta, City of	SW-LF-EL	\$42,394.25
Alta Implement	Supplies	\$553.17
Alta Municipal Utilities	Apply deposits to accts.	\$2,100.00
Alta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	\$5,373.33
Altatec	Phone	\$277.28
Aronson Plumbing	Service/supplies	\$431.29
Aurelia Lumber Company	Supplies	\$396.55
Bankers Trust	WS4 January	\$6,000.00
Barco Municipal	Supplies	\$263.21
Bartel, Clyde	Meeting compensation	\$350.00
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$901.04
Bonnesen Plumbing	Service	\$2,600.00
Card Connect	Service fee	\$316.58
Cardmember Service	Supplies	\$163.57
Central Iowa Distributing	Supplies	\$378.40
Coleman Filter	Supplies	\$1,840.64
Color-ize	Supplies	\$455.77
Community Oil	Fuel	\$371.50
Denison Municipal Utilities	Transformer	\$9,500.00
Fire Proof Plus	Service	\$383.00
First Coop	Fuel	\$42.48
Foundation Analytical	Service	\$90.00

Garcia, Anna	Deposit refund	\$300.00
Hach Company	Chemicals	\$955.77
Hach, Rob	Meeting compensation	\$237.50
Hawkins	Chemicals	\$6,104.46
Hinkhouse Hearing	Service	\$62.50
Hirschman Auto	Service/supplies	\$328.86
Hy-Vee	Supplies	\$26.75
Iowa Department of Revenue	Water excise tax	\$3,387.57
Iowa Finance Authority	Bond payments	\$32,291.06
J3Red Marketing	Service	\$30.00
KAYL	Public relations	\$110.25
Kurita America	Filter repair	\$24,675.00
Matt Parrott	Supplies	\$887.35
Mike's Electronics	Service	\$330.00
NeoTek	Service	\$415.00
NIMECA	FERC filing	\$93.75
NIMECA	November power	\$43,683.88
Office Elements	Supplies	\$256.13
Peterson, Megan	Rebate	\$25.00
Peterson, Todd	Meeting compensation	\$325.00
Phelps	Supplies	\$58.85
Pilot Tribune	Public relations	\$82.56
Pitney Bowes	Meter lease	\$69.12
Post Office	Trust account	\$600.00
Redig's	Supplies	\$358.34
Sanders, Gloria	Meeting compensation	\$350.00
SCE	Service	\$3,915.59
Secure Benefits Systems	Service	\$25.00
Secure Shred Solutions	Service	\$44.00
Shermco	Service	\$15,619.86
Skarshaug Testing	Service	\$525.48
Southwest Pumps	Supplies	\$3,077.58
Storm Lake Ace Hardware	Supplies	\$148.21
Sutton, Cory	Flex reimbursement	\$438.32
Tilk, Randy	Flex reimbursement	\$1,197.50
Treasurer State of Iowa	December sales tax	\$5,012.69
Treasurer State of Iowa	December use tax	\$780.83
Trees Forever	Donation	\$1,000.00
UMB Bank	Service fees	\$250.00
USA Blue Book	Supplies	\$441.47
U. S. Bank	Copier contract	\$30.13
U.S. Cellular	Service	\$33.31
Van Houten, Tyler	Meeting compensation	\$350.00
Van Meter	Supplies	\$67.32
Wages	December	\$29,412.22
WAPA	November power	\$19,595.69
Wesco	Supplies	\$1,397.08
TOTAL DEC 20 PD JAN 21		\$277,295.42

Van Houten moved to approve payment of the utility claims as presented. Bartel seconded the motion.

Ayes: All, 4 Nays: None

Total revenues for the Electric and Water Utilities were \$238,970.65.

TELECOM CLAIMS The following bills were presented for approval:
LIST

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	FOR	DEC 20 PD JAN 21
Telecom		
Alliant	Service	\$205.59
Alta-Aurelia Community School	Yearbook	\$25.00
Alta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	\$1,308.12
Altatec	Phone	\$327.71
Altatec	Internet DID line charge	\$1,666.08
Ancerly Hosting	Service	\$40.00
Aureon	DA/Calea	\$86.00
Bartel, Clyde	Meeting compensation	\$350.00
Big Ten Network	December access	\$531.00
Buena Vista County E911	December	\$246.05
Card Connect	Service fee	\$316.58
Cardmember Service	Supplies	\$163.57
Century Link	Access	\$176.89
Century Link	DA	\$36.42
Cinnamon Mueller	Legal service	\$622.50
Color-ize	Supplies	\$455.76
Community Oil	Fuel	\$150.63
Consortia	Training	\$499.00
Consortia	November service	\$975.00
Erskine, Ryan	Internet CR refund	\$31.64
Fire Proof Plus	Service	\$35.00
Fox Sports Net North	December access	\$1,404.20
Hach, Rob	Meeting compensation	\$237.50
Hinkhouse Hearing	Service	\$62.50
Hy-Vee	Supplies	\$26.74
Interstate TRS Fund	Assessment	\$121.03
Iowa Utilities Board	Dual party assessment	\$27.41
J3Red Marketing	Service	\$30.00
KAYL	Public relations	\$110.25
KMEG	December access	\$861.40
Lang, Willie & Jan	CATV/Internet CR refund	\$96.17
Long Lines	Access	\$9,521.69
MLB Network	November access	\$84.68
NCTC	Access/equipment	\$16,348.27
NeoTek	Service	\$415.00
Nexstar	December access	\$896.80
Office Elements	Supplies	\$256.12
Parra, Marisela	Internet CR refund	\$33.16
Peterson, Todd	Meeting compensation	\$325.00
Peterson, Trish	Internet CR refund	\$33.16
Pilot Tribune	Public relations	\$82.56

Pitney Bowes	Meter lease	\$69,120.00
Power Solutions	Service/supplies	\$541.54
Sanders, Gloria	Meeting compensation	\$350.00
Schnetter, Malvena	CATV/phone CR refund	\$53.47
Secure Benefits Systems	Service	\$25.00
Secure Shred Solutions	Service	\$44.00
Showtime	December access	\$41.13
Snyder, LuVerne	Phone CR refund	\$20.89
Treasurer State of Iowa	December sales tax	\$2,422.31
Treasurer State of Iowa	December use tax	\$9.02
U.S. Bank	Copier contract	\$30.12
United Bank	Telecom bond	\$2,015.30
United States Treasury	Federal excise tax	\$646.24
Van Houten, Tyler	Meeting compensation	\$350.00
Wages	December	\$12,705.67
TOTAL DEC 20 PD JAN 21		\$58,545.99

Peterson moved to approve payment of the telecom claims as presented. Sanders seconded the motion. Ayes: All Nays: None

Total revenues for the Telephone and Cable/Internet Utilities were \$70,938.97.

WAGES FOR 2020

**ALTA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
EMPLOYEE WAGES 2020**

Caboth, Curtis	\$75,747.04
Friedrich, Hillary	\$28,563.87
Gibson, Freddie	\$61,890.34
Koth, Brad	\$66,499.98
Langschwager, Mitchell	\$86,320.66
McGowan, Deanna	\$45,946.47
McSparran, Stephanie	\$35,033.52
Sutton, Cory	\$75,124.88
Tilk, Randy	\$85,693.62
Walsh, Kimberly	\$12,855.00
Total	\$573,675.38

**FINANCIAL
REPORTS**

The board performed a detailed review of the financial reports and power cost report.

PUBLIC FORUM

Henderson thanked Alta Municipal Utilities, Randy Tilk, AMU office staff, and anyone else that was involved with sending out the Communication Letter and that communication is very important for Alta residents and between boards.

**TEXTING
NOTIFICATION
SERVICE**

The TextCaster information and costs were reviewed that the City Council of Alta proceeded with and the benefits that it would give AMU. Sanders made the motion to pay the City half of the \$1,200.00 startup costs and half of the \$1,000.00 yearly renewal cost. Seconded by Hach. Ayes: All Nays: None

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WATER/HIGH-
PRESSURE FILTER

Water Superintendent Cory Sutton was able to get SCE to take care of hauling and storing the media until test results come back. The cartridge filters before the EDR system were changed this morning. The high-pressure filter was bypassed this afternoon and being drained so the Kurita crew can start pumping the media out of the cells. Tilk will send out email updates as work progresses and public notice as needed.

TELECOM WRITE-
OFFS 1st Half OF
2020

The Board reviewed the list of accounts that were deemed uncollectable. Van Houten moved to write-off the list of delinquent accounts in the amount of \$640.83; but to pursue collection through all legal means. The write-off represents uncollectable accounts in the following services:

CATV - \$481.75

Internet - \$159.08

Seconded by Peterson. Ayes: All Nays: None

PROMOTION

The telecom promotion flier was mailed out with the utility information letter. All new customers and existing customers who upgrade their internet service will be in a drawing for a free television. Details of the drawing date will be decided at a later meeting.

MANAGER'S
REPORT

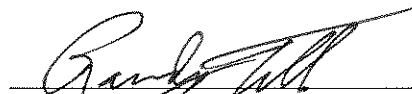
Some information from the NIMECA meeting was highlighted on which included a wind generation purchase that Tilk will have Greg Fritz explain the details if it goes through this month. 2021 will be a big year on decision making with the carbon changes that will affect our future electric purchases and expect to possibly have some longer meetings.

NEXT MEETING
DATES

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. at Alta City Hall and electronically.

MOTION TO
ADJOURN

Motion made by Van Houten to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.
Seconded by Peterson. Ayes: All Nays: None


Randy Tilk

Secretary of the Board of Trustees
Alta Municipal Utilities and
Alta Municipal Broadband Communications Utility

February 2021 Utility and Telecom Regular Board Meeting

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The regular Board meeting of the Board of Trustees for Alta Municipal Utilities and Alta Municipal Broadband Telecommunications Utility, City of Alta, Iowa was held at City Hall and electronically on February 9, 2021. The electronic meeting protocol that was authorized as a result of Governor Reynolds State Public Emergency Declaration issued on March 20, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and referencing Iowa Code 29C.6(6) and Iowa Code 21.8, 26.12, and 414.2 in relation to open meeting laws.

Chairman Clyde Bartel called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present – Clyde Bartel, Todd Peterson, Gloria Sanders, Tyler Van Houten
Absent – Rob Hach
Also, present – Randy Tilk
Also, present electronically – Jamie Van Gorp, Susie Pinckney, Pam Henderson

AGENDA Sanders made the motion to approve the agenda as posted. Seconded by Van Houten. Ayes: All Nays: None

MJBA CONSULTING ON EMPLOYEE BENEFITS The meeting was turned over to Van Gorp and Pinckney to give a presentation on enhancing the current employee benefits to help get and retain quality employees. Different options for Dental, Vision, Short Term Disability, and HRA subsidizing benefits were presented and discussed along with many questions. The Trustees would like the Council to review since some policies are through Wellmark that AMU and the City have a joint health insurance policy. MJBA will put together some premium pricing to present to the City and AMU. Van Gorp and Pinckney excused themselves from the conference call.

EMERGENCY PAID SICK LEAVE ACT EXTENSION With the delay of the vaccine shots in Buena Vista County and for AMU employees, discussion was held on extending the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act that was not renewed after December 31, 2020. Van Houten made the motion to extend the 80-hour sick leave benefits of the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act to May 31, 2021 for AMU employees that did not need to use it in 2020 and to those employees that still have hours left. Seconded by Bartel. Ayes: All Nays: None

UTILITY AND TELECOM MINUTES Van Houten moved to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2021 Municipal Utilities and Telecommunications meeting. Seconded by Peterson. Ayes: All Nays: None

UTILITY CLAIMS LIST The following bills were presented for approval:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
Utilities

FOR

JAN 21 PAID FEB 21

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Alliant Energy	Service	\$957.38
Alta, City of	Reimbursement	\$143.37
Alta, City of	SW-LF-EL	\$43,415.09
Alta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	\$5,929.57
Alta Municipal Utilities	Deposits applied on accts.	\$300.00
Altatec	Phone	\$279.67
Bankers Trust	February WS4	\$6,000.00
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$685.54
Card Connect	Service fee	\$411.87
Central Iowa Distributing	Supplies	\$118.00
Color-rize	Public relations	\$740.12
Ditch Witch	Supplies	\$85.23
First Coop	Fuel	\$490.01
Foundation Analytical	Service	\$52.00
Hach Company	Chemicals	\$33.38
Hawkins	Chemicals	\$5,461.68
Iowa Department of Revenue	Property tax	\$56.84
Iowa Department of Revenue	Water excise tax	\$3,824.67
KAYL	Public relations	\$84.00
Kueny Chiropractic	Service	\$165.00
Kurita	Service	\$74,025.00
Loffler	Copier contract	\$36.12
Mike's Electronics	Service	\$200.00
Murauskis, Joseph	Deposit refund	\$300.00
NeoTek	Service	\$166.00
NIMECA	December power	\$51,136.76
NIMECA	FERC filing	\$243.75
Office Elements	Supplies	\$298.22
Pilot Tribune	Public relations	\$96.48
Ramos, Marie	CR refund	\$1.45
SCE, LLC	Service	\$3,634.40
Shermco	Service	\$7,800.00
Sioux Valley Environmental	Chemicals	\$275.00
Storm Lake Hardware	Supplies	\$104.75
Stuart C Irby	Supplies	\$143.40
Sutton, Cory	Flex reimbursement	\$794.68
Treasurer State of Iowa	Sales tax	\$4,833.73
United Bank	Service fee	\$10.00
USA Blue Book	Supplies	\$772.63
U. S. Bank	Copier contract	\$30.13
U. S. Cellular	Service	\$32.27
Van Wert	Supplies	\$2,321.55
Vermeer	Supplies	\$386.43
Wages	January	\$25,666.05
WAPA	December power	\$20,560.76
Wesco	Supplies	\$8,864.96
TOTAL JAN 21 PD FEB 21		\$271,967.94

Sanders moved to approve payment of the utility claims as presented. Van Houten seconded the motion. Ayes: All Nays: None

Total revenues for the Electric and Water Utilities were \$259,671.71.

TELECOM CLAIMS LIST The following bills were presented for approval:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE Telecom	FOR	JAN 21 PAID FEB 21
Alliant	Service	\$225.03
Alta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	\$1,400.36
Altatec	Phone	\$330.10
Altatec	Internet DID line charge	\$1,666.08
Ancerly Hosting	Service	\$20.00
Aureon	DA/Calea	\$82.15
Big Ten Network	January access	\$519.75
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$14.21
Buena Vista County E911	January	\$243.31
Card Connect	Service fee	\$411.86
Century Link	Access	\$176.89
Century Link	DA	\$36.42
Color-rize	Public relations	\$740.11
Consortia	December service	\$975.00
Fox Sports Net North	January access	\$1,443.75
Interstate TRS Fund	Assessment	\$121.03
KAYL	Public relations	\$84.00
KMEG	January access	\$1,039.50
Kopfmann, Tyler	Internet CR refund	\$21.39
Loffler	Copier contract	\$36.11
Long Lines	Access	\$9,598.92
MLB Network	December access	\$81.20
Molly's L'Hair	Phone CR refund	\$12.43
NCTC	January access	\$16,059.02
NeoTek	Service	\$166.00
Nexstar	January access	\$1,097.25
Office Elements	Supplies	\$298.22
Pilot Tribune	Public relations	\$96.48
Showtime	January access	\$41.13
Treasurer State of Iowa	Sales tax	\$2,338.55
U. S. Bank	Copier contract	\$30.12
United Bank	Telecom bond	\$2,015.30
Wages	January	\$14,805.28
TOTAL JAN 21 PD FEB 21		\$56,226.95

Sanders moved to approve payment of the telecom claims as presented. Van Houten seconded the motion. Ayes: All Nays: None

Total revenues for the Telephone and Cable/Internet Utilities were \$69,139.85

FINANCIAL REPORTS The board performed a detailed review of the financial reports and power cost report.

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PUBLIC FORUM

Henderson asked when City Hall was going to open since the Governor has lifted some of the corona virus mandates. Tilk commented that the drive thru window opened at the start of the workday for the customers and that the main reason it was not in use because the outside wind would blow into your face when the tray was opened. AMU office employees want more of the vaccine shots to be administered in Buena Vista County before the front door of City Hall is opened and there will be many restrictions put in place requiring masks, social distancing, and so on for the safety of all.

WATER -
PROMOTING
SERVICE LINE
INSURANCE

Discussion was held on promoting a company to solicit residential and business customers on purchasing a warranty policy to repair/replace water and sewer service lines. The Trustees did not want to promote just one company and customers should be reminded of the ownership of service lines so they can decide to find a company that they are comfortable with. Tilk will get with the City on either a newsletter or an AMU letter to advise the public that the owner of the property is responsible for the water service line from the tap on the water main, all service line piping, and curb stop. AMU is responsible for the water main and meter unless it is frozen. The owner is also responsible for the sewer piping to the City sewer main.

ELECTRIC
AVOIDED COST

Avoided Cost information was discussed and credits for interconnection agreements solar generation. Van Houten moved to keep the avoided cost at \$0.02 as AMU's per kilowatt payment back to AMU interconnection customers effective from March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022. Seconded by Bartel.

Ayes: All Nays: None

JOUNEYMAN
SCALE
PERCENTAGES

Tilk presented two 8 Step Apprentice to Journeyman Wage Scale percentage options to look at for approval to give to the Iowa Labor Board and IAMU. Both had the starting and ending wage as approved at the January meeting, but Option 2 percentages are lower at the beginning Steps and little higher at the 7th and 8th Steps. Sanders made the motion to approve Option 2. Seconded by Bartel.

Ayes: All Nays: None

Tilk asked if any Trustee wanted to adjust the Electric Foreman's wage percentage over journeyman and all agreed to leave where he is at with the work that is needed on upgrading the electric system.

MANAGER'S
REPORT

Wasted treatment water numbers will be on the reports for the difference between water pumped from the wells to water produced and this number is lower with the high-pressure filter working properly. The water losses from produced to sold on the system will be a constant issue. A leak at the west trailer court has one that will be fixed when the ground thaws or sooner if it gets worse.

Some information from the NIMECA meeting was highlighted on which included record system purchases from the group and SPP wind generation purchases overtaking coal for the first time as the main fuel. The wind farm purchase has been tabled for another month for contract review.

A cost for possible future cameras for the AMU buildings/grounds and maybe City Hall was given and a second will be solicited for comparisons in case they are warranted.

The Iowa Assistant Ombudsman contacted me this morning on a complaint on the drive thru window being closed and the outage that was taken on December 11, 2020. I am sharing information and sending documentation.

NEXT MEETING DATES

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. at Alta City Hall and electronically.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion made by Van Houten to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m. Seconded by Peterson. Ayes: All Nays: None



Randy Tilk
Secretary of the Board of Trustees
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Absent – Tyler Van Houten
Also, present – Randy Tilk, Larry Suter, Pam Henderson
Present electronically – Greg Fritz

AGENDA Sanders made the motion to approve the agenda as posted. Seconded by Hach.
Ayes: All Nays: None

GREG FRITZ WITH NIMECA ON WIND GENERATION PURCHASE The meeting was turned over to Fritz to give the Trustees an update on the wind generation purchase for the NIMECA members that AMU had verbally agreed to investigate and AMU’s current generation portfolio. Contracts should be finalized by the end of the month. Current contracts with two wind farms will be ending in 2022 and plans are not to renew them because of age and pricing. AMU receives about one half of its yearly electricity requirements by hydro generation through Western Area Power Administration. The rest is purchased through NIMECA shared resources. Coal base load generation is being shut down because of the carbon emissions and currently operated in emergencies such as the February Winter Storm Uri or when there is going to be a shortage of wind. With committing to purchasing 1,600 kW of wind generation with pricing locked in for ten year, AMU would be at 87% of non-carbon load. After discussion, Hach made the motion for Alta Municipal Utilities to commit to purchasing 1,600 kW of the total NIMECA member wind generation purchase with pricing locked in for ten years. Seconded by Peterson. Ayes: All Nays: None

Fritz excused himself from the meeting.

UTILITY AND TELECOM MINUTES Sanders moved to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2021 Municipal Utilities and Telecommunications meeting. Seconded by Peterson.
Ayes: All Nays: None

UTILITY CLAIMS LIST The following bills were presented for approval:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE Utilities	FOR	FEB 21 PD MAR 21
Alliant Energy	Service	\$767.07
Alta, City of	SW-LF-EL	\$41,388.54
Alta Municipal Utilities	Apply deposits to accounts	\$600.00
Alta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	\$5,494.21

Altatec	Phone	\$289.58
Bankers Trust	WS4	\$7,000.00
Blue Lake Websites	Public relations	\$225.00
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$1,203.66
Card Connect	Service fee	\$328.01
Cardmember Service	Service/conference	\$1,231.87
Community Oil	Fuel	\$218.76
First Coop	Fuel	\$30,744.17
Foundation Analytical	Service	\$106.00
Grainger	Supplies	\$53.42
Hawkeye Electric	Service	\$2,154.85
Hawkins	Chemicals	\$4,276.81
Hy-Vee	Supplies	\$28.71
IAMU	Dues	\$4,932.00
Iowa Department of Revenue	Water excise tax	\$3,549.74
KAYL	Public relations	\$115.50
Madison National Life	Insurance adjustment	\$6.35
Municipal Supply	Supplies	\$341.51
NAPA Auto Parts	Supplies	\$80.21
NeoTek	Service	\$464.88
NIMECA	APPA dues	\$1,180.06
NIMECA	January power	\$40,909.34
North Truck Lake Repair	Parts/Service	\$217.70
Office Elements	Supplies	\$135.84
Parcel, Ross	Rebate	\$1,077.00
Pilot Tribune	Public relations	\$74.64
Power Solutions	Supplies	\$18.88
Shermco	Service	\$4,598.40
Storm Lake Ace Hardware	Supplies	\$235.70
Sutton, Cory	Flex reimbursement	\$534.45
Sutton, Cory	Travel expense	\$142.68
Tilk, Randy	Travel expense	\$75.04
Treasurer State of Iowa	February sales tax	\$4,316.31
United Bank	Services	\$55.00
U.S. Bank	Copier contract	\$30.13
U.S. Cellular	Service	\$29.23
Unity Point Clinic	Service	\$42.00
Vetter Equipment	Supplies	\$20.98
Wages	February	\$24,343.11
WAPA	January power	\$20,950.13
Wesco	Supplies/equipment	\$3,712.90
Ziegler	Service	\$16,668.44
TOTAL FEB 21 PD MAR 21		\$224,968.81

Sanders moved to approve payment of the utility claims as presented. Bartel seconded the motion. Ayes: All Nays: None

Total revenues for the Electric and Water Utilities were \$239,431.22.

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TELECOM CLAIMS
LIST

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Altatec	Phone	\$340.01
Altatec	DID line charge	\$1,666.08
Ancerly Hosting	Service	\$20.00
Aureon	DA/Calea	\$79.46
Big Ten Network	February access	\$515.25
Blue Lake Websites	Public relations	\$225.00
Buena Vista County E911	February	\$244.14
Card Connect	Service fee	\$328.00
Century Link	Access	\$176.89
Cinnamon Mueller	Legal service	\$378.00
Community Oil	Fuel	\$58.85
Consortia	January service	\$975.00
Elston, Kory	Phone CR refund	\$27.00
Erlandson, Nancy	Internet CR refund	\$66.30
Fox Sports	February access	\$1,431.25
High Plains	Supplies	\$879.60
Hirschman Auto	Service	\$349.89
Hy-Vee	Supplies	\$28.70
IAMU	Dues	\$1,534.00
Interstate TRS Fund	Assessment	\$121.03
KAYL	Public relations	\$115.50
KMEG	February access	\$1,030.50
Library of Congress	Royalty fee	\$67.00
Long Lines	Access	\$9,564.27
Lumen	DA	\$36.42
MLB Network	January access	\$151.90
Murauskis, Joseph	Internet CR refund	\$38.53
NCTC	Access	\$16,745.97
NeoTek	Service	\$464.87
Nexstar	February access	\$1,087.75
Office Elements	Supplies	\$135.83
Pilot Tribune	Public relations	\$74.64
Showtime	February access	\$41.13
Treasurer State of Iowa	February sales tax	\$2,379.29
United Bank	Telecom bond	\$1,960.22
U. S. Bank	Copier contract	\$30.12
Van Meter	Supplies	\$1,694.84
Wages	February	\$17,082.32
TOTAL FEB 21 PD MAR 21		\$63,563.72

Peterson moved to approve payment of the telecom claims as presented. Sanders seconded the motion. Ayes: All Nays: None

Total revenues for the Telephone and Cable/Internet Utilities were \$70,114.19.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The board performed a detailed review of the financial reports and power cost report.

PUBLIC FORUM

Henderson commented that she has been contacted by several residents and was highly disappointed in the raises that were given to the linemen and manager plus the rate increases that were put in place. Hach addressed that the raises were needed to compete with the market for linemen. Tilk asked what rates in particular and commented that the same electric rate resolution is still in place that took effect January 2018. These rates should stay stable until a big project is bonded. There is currently only one electric bond that is for the generators that pays for itself and will be paid off in eight years. The experience in the electric department is needed to operate the generation as during the February Storm Uri and for the projects that are planned. The rate payers will not see an increase on their utility bill like parts of the country. I have been attending meetings with other small communities that cannot get or keep a lineman or a manager. They are in the talks of sharing a manager first and then linemen. Other communities do not have anyone to cover outages at night or weekends. The water rates did go up and will continue to go up with the system upgrades that are needed. The 2021 improvement budget was spent on the repairs to the high-pressure filter so Alta would not have discolored water. There are no plans for water main replacement for a while and we hope nothing major breaks down. The City is going through infrastructure issues with the sewers and drainage that is going to cost. The telecom rates did go up and did not cover the cable increases of the programmers. Without AltaTec, the competitor's pricing that you support will really go up. Henderson commented that more communication is needed so boards and the public know what is going on to be more informed.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Employee benefits were discussed briefly. Henderson commented not enough information was presented for the Council to decide. The Trustees tabled employee benefits until a joint meeting with the Council and consultant is scheduled so benefits between entities can be decided on since the health insurance is together.

EMC INSURANCE RENEWAL

Tilk commented that insurance premium costs went up with the large claims with the Derecho and other storms that went across the Midwest causing catastrophic losses. Our local insurance agent, Mark Glienke recommended a couple deductible changes for Property to \$2,500 which was \$1,000 and saves \$3,232, Auto Comprehensive to \$500 and Collision to \$1,000 which was \$0 for Comp and \$500 for Collision which saves \$1,266. The overall,

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pricing is up 7-8% after adjustment to the deductibles. The City and AMU received two different dividend checks from the Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities and Jester Insurance that will be split between us. \$778.67 was for Workman's Comp and \$7,087.00 was for Property and Liability. These dividends are a benefit of having a municipal utility in the community along with group rates. Hach made the motion to approve the EMC Insurance policies renewal with the higher deductibles. Seconded by Peterson. Ayes: All Nays: None

WATER Tilk commented on a customer's water service line being frozen. Hydrant flushing and leak detection will be scheduled for the last of March or first of April depending on the weather.

TELECOM Hach commented that about sixty-three people attended the Altgether Home and Garden Show at the Community Center that we had a booth at.

ELECTRIC Tilk commented on that the biggest issue during generating was scheduling for fueling. The large diesel barrel for the Superior generator that is for emergency use only could be re-piped to be used to fill the two Cat generators. This would allow for twenty-four-hour operation of the generators and get bulk price for the diesel fuel. A decision would need to be made on the Superior's and power plant's future. Ziegler techs commented that another Cat could be added inside of the building.

Plans for the first part of the underground conversion was discussed and engineering plans for the system will be finalized later this spring.

COMPUTER REPLACEMENT Replacing the four office computers was discussed and tabled until next month.

NEXT MEETING DATES The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. at Alta City Hall.

MOTION TO ADJOURN Motion made by Hach to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Seconded by Bartel. Ayes: All Nays: None


Randy Tilk

Secretary of the Board of Trustees
Alta Municipal Utilities and
Alta Municipal Broadband Communications Utility

April 2021 Utility and Telecom Regular Board Meeting

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The regular Board meeting of the Board of Trustees for Alta Municipal Utilities and Alta Municipal Broadband Telecommunications Utility, City of Alta, Iowa was held at City Hall on April 13, 2021.

Chairman Clyde Bartel called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present – Clyde Bartel, Todd Peterson, Gloria Sanders, Tyler Van Houten, Rob Hach
Also, present – Randy Tilk, Mike Bartholomew, Brad Bunjes, Pam Henderson

AGENDA Sanders made the motion to approve the agenda as posted. Seconded by Peterson. Ayes: All Nays: None

ALTA-AURELIA SHOOTING SPORTS The meeting was turned over to Bartholomew to talk about the participation in the program, the events they will participate in, the need to teach gun safety, and the costs to run the program. Van Houten made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the program. Seconded by Peterson. Ayes: All Nays: None
Bartholomew’s excused himself from the meeting.

UTILITY AND TELECOM MINUTES Sanders moved to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2021 Municipal Utilities and Telecommunications meeting. Seconded by Van Houten. Ayes: All Nays: None

UTILITY CLAIMS LIST The following bills were presented for approval:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	FOR	MAR 21 PD APR 21
Utilities		
Alliant Energy	Service	\$1,041.45
Alta, City of	Rebate	\$36.10
Alta, City of	SW-LF-EL	\$45,611.91
Alta Municipal Utilities	Deposits applied on accts.	\$1,500.00
Alta Municipal Utilities	Petty cash	\$27.92
Alta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	\$4,298.82
Aitatec	Phone	\$282.35
Bankers Trust	WS4	\$10,000.00
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$622.33
Border States	Supplies	\$2,822.45
Card Connect	February service	\$362.48
Cardmember Service	Travel expense/supplies	\$615.93
Central Iowa Distributing	Supplies	\$470.00
Community Oil	Fuel	\$393.59
Control Techniques	Equipment	\$2,434.74
Crossroads Mobile Maintenance	Service/parts	\$6,068.93
4 Seasons Plumbing	Service	\$100.00
First Coop	Fuel	\$172.54

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Foundation Analytical	Service	\$64.00
Goes Insurance	Insurance	\$44,324.05
Hach Co.	Chemicals	\$859.63
Harland Clarke	Supplies	\$22.61
Hawkins	Chemicals	\$7,006.98
Hy-Vee	Supplies	\$35.57
Iowa Department of Revenue	Water excise tax	\$3,661.82
J3Red Marketing	Service	\$93.75
KAYL	Public relations	\$78.75
Madison National Life	Insurance	\$38.48
Martin, Junior	CR refund	\$231.33
Napa	Supplies	\$11.58
NeoTek	Service	\$166.00
Neulieb, Ronald & Marjorie	Rebate	\$50.00
NIMECA	FERC filing	\$112.50
NIMECA	Property taxes/services	\$1,252.30
Office Elements	Supplies	\$78.98
Pilot Tribune	Public relations	\$271.27
Pitney Bowes	Meter lease	\$69.12
Postmaster	Trust account	\$600.00
Shermco	Service	\$667.74
Sioux Valley Environmental	Chemicals	\$1,640.00
Skarshaug Testing	Service	\$535.46
Storm Lake Ace Hardware	Supplies	\$83.34
Sutton, Cory	Flex reimbursement	\$656.90
TextCaster	Public relations	\$300.00
The UPS Store	Shipping	\$23.98
Treasurer State of Iowa	March sales tax	\$2,492.39
Treasurer State of Iowa	Use tax	\$905.00
U.S. Bank	Copier contract	\$60.26
U. S. Cellular	Service	\$27.35
Van Meter	Supplies	\$1,204.33
Wages	March	\$41,299.96
WAPA	February power	\$17,506.41
Wellmark	Insurance	\$430.14
Wesco	Supplies	\$64,835.85

TOTAL MAR 21 PD APR 21

\$268,559.37

Sanders moved to approve payment of the utility claims as presented. Peterson seconded the motion. Ayes: All Nays: None

Total revenues for the Electric and Water Utilities were \$190,882.85.

TELECOM CLAIMS The following bills were presented for approval:
LIST

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
Telecom

FOR

MAR 21 PD APR 21

Alliant

Service

\$215.03

Alta Municipal Utilities	Petty cash	\$11,100.00
Alta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	\$937.10
Altatec	Phone	\$332.78
Altatec	Internet DID line charge	\$1,666.08
Ancerly Hosting	Service	\$20.00
Aureon	DA/Calea	\$83.78
Big Ten Network	March access	\$531.00
Buena Vista County E911	March	\$235.66
Card Connect	February service	\$362.48
Century Link	Access	\$176.89
Color-ize	Supplies	\$37.32
Community Oil	Fuel	\$181.65
Consortia	February service	\$1,437.50
Fox Sports Net	March access	\$1,475.00
Gibson, Fred	Reimbursement	\$177.57
Goes Insurance	Insurance	\$20,006.95
Harland Clarke	Supplies	\$22.60
Hy-Vee	Supplies	\$35.56
Interstate TRS Fund	Assessment	\$121.03
Iowa Utilities Board	Dual party assessment	\$26.48
J3Red Marketing	Service	\$93.75
Jones, Kenneth	Internet CR refund	\$80.88
KAYL	Public relations	\$78.75
KMEG	March access	\$1,062.00
Long Lines	Access	\$11,291.31
Lumen	DA	\$47.61
Melander, Larry	Phone CR refund	\$11.67
MLB Network	February/March access	\$306.28
NCTC	Access	\$16,735.68
NeoTek	Service	\$166.00
Nexstar Broadcasting	March access	\$1,121.00
Office Elements	Supplies	\$78.97
Pilot Tribune	Public relations	\$79.92
Pitney Bowes	Meter lease	\$69.12
Power Solutions	Service/supplies	\$515.99
Showtime	March access	\$42.99
TextCaster	Public relations	\$300.00
Treasurer State of Iowa	March sales tax	\$2,429.97
Treasurer State of Iowa	Use tax	\$76.29
United Bank	Telecom bond	\$1,960.22
U.S. Bank	Copier contract	\$60.24
U.S. Treasury	Federal excise tax	\$642.66
Wages	March	\$25,380.56
TOTAL MAR 21 PD APR 21		\$90,725.45

Van Houten moved to approve payment of the telecom claims as presented. Sanders seconded the motion. Ayes: All Nays: None

Total revenues for the Telephone and Cable/Internet Utilities were \$71,501.31.

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FINANCIAL
REPORTS

The board performed a detailed review of the financial reports and power cost report.

PUBLIC FORUM

Bunjes questioned the billing practice for the Net Metering for his solar array. Tilk commented that solar arrays and Net Metering is new to AMU as well as the customer. A phone meeting with the utility attorney that wrote the agreements is scheduled for Thursday to finalize the way the Net Metering is billed or credited, the interconnection agreements, and the billing should be the way that you are thinking. We will then have to work with our software billing company to be able to do the invoices, so it coincides with monthly, quarterly, and yearly reports. Bunjes commented on one of the board members when he was trying to question the billing and then excused himself from the meeting. Henderson excused herself from the meeting.

WATER UPDATES

Hydrant flushing seemed to clear the system faster this year and the office did not receive any complaints of discolored water. A contractor is going to inspect the inside and outside of the water tower to see if there are any issues that need attention right away. Painting will need to be done at some point.

TELECOM

The count for internet customers keeps going up and most are taking faster speeds. Lawrence Butler with Oak Hills Consulting gave a quote of \$6,000.00 to do a Fiber overlay of the telecommunications system so conduits for the fiber could be installed during the boring for the electric underground conversion. The telecom utility cannot afford the expense right now but there could be some stimulus funds may come available. Other utilities the size of Alta have and are installing Fiber to the Home to keep up with technology.

WIND
GENERATION
PURCHASE

Board Member Gloria Sanders introduced the following Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION APPROVING 2021 WILLOW CREEK WIND ENERGY FACILITY AGREEMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF WIND ENERGY THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THE WILLOW CREEK WIND ENERGY FACILITY POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT" and moved that the Resolution be adopted. Board Member Rob Hach seconded the motion. The roll was called and the vote was,

Ayes: Tyler Van Houten, Rob Hach, Todd Peterson,
Gloria Sanders, Clyde Bartel

Nays: None

Whereupon, the Chairman declared the measure duly adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION #520

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RESOLUTION APPROVING 2021 WILLOW CREEK WIND ENERGY FACILITY AGREEMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF WIND ENERGY THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THE WILLOW CREEK WIND ENERGY FACILITY POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the City is a member of North Iowa Municipal Electric Cooperative Association ("NIMECA"); and

WHEREAS, NIMECA and certain municipal members of NIMECA (the "Participating Municipal Members", and each individually, a "Participating Municipal Member"), desire to acquire wind energy through the Willow Creek Wind Energy Facility Power Purchase Agreement (the "PPA") to be entered into by NIMECA on behalf of the Participating Municipal Members; and

WHEREAS, each Participating Municipal Member must agree to its proportionate share of energy received by NIMECA under the PPA, and each Participating Municipal Member must pay its proportionate share of the costs and obligations of NIMECA under the PPA; and

WHEREAS, a NORTH IOWA MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION AND PARTICIPATING MUNICIPAL MEMBER 2021 WILLOW CREEK WIND ENERGY FACILITY AGREEMENT (also referred to as the 2021 WILLOW CREEK WIND ENERGY FACILITY AGREEMENT) (the "Agreement") has been prepared and is now before this Board; and

WHEREAS, under the Agreement, NIMECA will enter into the PPA and the Participating Municipal Members will commit to their participation in the Agreement and the extent (in MW) of their participation; and

WHEREAS, this Board has determined that the Agreement is in proper form and in the best interests of the City and its Municipal Electric Utility; and

WHEREAS, this Board has determined that the Board should evidence its approval of the Agreement and consent to NIMECA entering into the PPA on its behalf; and

WHEREAS, this Board has had the opportunity and has been advised to have the Agreement and this Resolution reviewed and approved by legal counsel of its choosing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY OF ALTA, IOWA:

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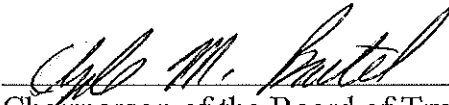
Section 1. That the Agreement and the form thereof and all exhibits attached thereto, are hereby approved substantially in the form now before this Board with such changes as may be approved by the Chairperson and Secretary, said approval to be conclusively evidenced by the execution thereof, and the Chairperson and Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Agreement on behalf of the City and its Municipal Electric Utility.

Section 2. The Board hereby approves, authorizes, consents and requests that NIMECA enter into the PPA on its behalf pursuant to the Agreement. NIMECA's obligations under the PPA are payable from the revenues of NIMECA under the Agreement. Following the effective date of the PPA and for so long as any obligations exist thereunder, whether before or after termination of the PPA, the amounts owed under the PPA shall be allocated to the Participating Municipal Members, in accordance with the terms and percentages in the Agreement, and the City agrees to pay its allocated share of such amounts to NIMECA under the terms and at the times set forth in the Agreement. The City further agrees that it may not withdraw or in any way terminate, amend or modify in any way its obligations under the Agreement, except as may be provided in the Agreement.

Section 3. The Board understands and agrees that Ahlers & Cooney, P.C, represents NIMECA in connection with the Agreement and the Notes, and, to the extent such representation might be an actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest, the Board waives any such conflict and consents to said representation.

Section 4. A certified copy of this resolution shall be promptly provided to the Chief Executive Officer of NIMECA.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of April, 2021.



Chairperson of the Board of Trustees

ATTEST:



Secretary of the Board of Trustees

MIDAMERICAN
CONSENT

Based upon information now before this Board including the March 9, 2021 letter and attachments from MidAmerican Energy (the "MidAmerican Letter"), Hach made the motion to approve consent for MidAmerican energy to proceed with actions necessary to allow the proposed interconnection of a new generation facility to the

Webster facilities and to approve consent for the proposed interconnection, all as set forth in the MidAmerican Letter, pr **000163** that interconnecting generator pays 100% of all costs and further provided that any amendments to the Lehigh Webster agreement are brought before this Board for approval as required. Seconded by Sanders. Ayes: All Nays: None

POWER PLANT GENERATORS

Discussion was held on the two old generators in the power plant that are not being used and one is half dismantled. UPE Company out of Houston, Texas had given a general overview cost of removal of the 2 generator-engines at \$20,000.00. If they just removed the Nordberg, it would be \$13,500.00. The Superior can still run for Emergency Use Only but becomes a safety hazard with the aging piping and cooling towers. Plans could be made to eventually add another generator depending on the future of the electric industry. Hach made the motion to proceed with diligence to have UPE dismantle the two old generators. Seconded by Bartel. Ayes: All Nays: None

Seneca Company is going to test the diesel fuel in the large storage tank and sent a Time and Material Proposal for polishing the fuel so we can use it in the Cat generators.

ELECTRIC UPDATES

The three junction box cabinets and conduits are installed in front of the substation. The contractor has been notified to schedule us in to run the three circuit primary wires and hook up in the switchgear. Concrete work at the bank has started and the electric/telecom departments will be installing new conduits to upgrade their services. Bonnesen will start directional boring in a few weeks on the new south circuit.

DUMP TRAILER

The electric department uses a City dump truck when available and would be a lot easier if we have a 14' dump trailer to work in the alley's for hauling gravel, dirt, and material. Information and pricing were solicited from Marx Trailers in Sioux City, O.C. Trailers in Orange City, and Performance Car and Truck in Spencer. All were in the same ranges of \$8,600-\$9,000 depending on features and commented that steel prices are going up. Hach asked if Storm Lake Truck Repair was contacted and that a tarp should be purchased. Discussion was held and Van Houten made to motion to proceed with the purchase of a quality dump trailer for up to \$10,000.00. Seconded by Hach. Ayes: All Nays: None

COMPUTER REPLACEMENT

Replacing the four office computers was discussed again. This will be tabled until later in the year or if we start having issues. Van Houten recommended to requote with solid state hard drives when ready to purchase.

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UTILITY CLERK

1/18/2021

Discussion was held on the two candidates that were interviewed for the Utility Clerk's position. Hach made the motion to offer Candidate #1 the Utility Clerk's position at \$17.00 an hour with one week of vacation awarded after the orientation period. Seconded by Bartel. Ayes: All Nays: None

NEXT MEETING DATES

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May18, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. at Alta City Hall.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The negative Power Bill from NIMECA for February's cold snap and generating gave a credit on the Power Cost Adjustment on the customer's bills and should credit again for the next billing period. Current AMU payments and the funds in the NIMECA CTS account are adequate to handle AMU's share of the Corn Belt transmission improvements payments for a few years before any adjustments need to be addressed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion made by Van Houten to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m. Seconded by Sanders. Ayes: All Nays: None



Randy Tilk

Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Alta Municipal Utilities and

Alta Municipal Broadband Communications Utility

May 2021 Utility and Telecom Regular Board Meeting

The regular Board meeting of the Board of Trustees for Alta Municipal Utilities and Alta Municipal Broadband Telecommunications Utility, City of Alta, Iowa was held at City Hall on May 18, 2021.

Todd Peterson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

- ROLL CALL** Present – Todd Peterson, Gloria Sanders, Tyler Van Houten,
Absent – Clyde Bartel, Rob Hach
Also, present – Randy Tilk, Larry Suter
- AGENDA** Sanders made the motion to approve the agenda as posted. Seconded by Van Houten. Ayes: All Nays: None
- 2020 AUDIT** The 2020 audit by T.P. Anderson is not quite completed yet. A special meeting will be scheduled for them to present and approve.
- UTILITY AND TELECOM MINUTES** Sanders moved to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2021 Municipal Utilities and Telecommunications meeting. Seconded by Van Houten. Ayes: All Nays: None
- UTILITY CLAIMS LIST** The following bills were presented for approval:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	FOR	APRIL 21 PD MAY 21
Utilities		
Ahlers Cooney	Legal service	\$820.00
Alliant Energy	Service	\$675.72
Alta-Aurelia Shooting Team	Donation	\$50.00
Alta, City of	SW-LF-EL	\$42,011.70
Alta Municipal Utilities	Apply deposits to accounts	\$1,200.00
Alta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	\$3,761.60
Altatec	Phone	\$273.86
Aurelia Lumber	Supplies	\$111.83
Bankers Trust	Bond	\$21,111.25
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$119.67
Card Connect	Service fee	\$449.36
Central Iowa Distributing	Supplies	\$465.00
Chicago Central	Annual license	\$85.00
Cruz, Esmeralda	CR refund	\$193.92
First Coop	Fuel	\$226.36
Foundation Analytical	Service	\$64.00
Goes Insurance	Insurance	\$154.00
Hawkeye Electric	Service	\$16,737.00
IAMU	Report/workshop	\$570.00
Iowa Department of Revenue	Water excise tax	\$3,822.85
Iowa Utilities Board	Assessment	\$1,917.00
Lang, William	Rebate	\$20.00

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Langschwager, Mitch	Travel expense	\$108.00
Loffler	Copier contract	\$88.28
Manzo, Karla	CR refund	\$116.02
Municipal Management	Service	\$1,500.00
NeoTek	Service	\$166.00
NIMECA	Attachment H	\$10,169.19
NIMECA	March power	\$38,184.56
NIMECA	Resco reimbursement	\$4,823.21
North Lake Truck Repair	Trailer	\$9,650.00
Northwest Christian Church	Rebate	\$134.27
Pilot Tribune	Public relations	\$254.84
Redig's Gravel	Supplies	\$609.44
Resco	Supplies	\$184.00
SCE, LLC	Service/supplies	\$1,839.78
Schiltz, Tanner	Travel expense	\$80.00
Sioux Valley Environmental	Equipment	\$2,835.00
Storm Lake Ace Hardware	Supplies	\$118.40
The UPS Store	Postage	\$25.32
Tiik, Randy	Travel expense	\$68.88
Treasurer State of Iowa	April sales tax	\$2,388.49
U. S. Cellular	Service	\$29.07
Van Meter	Supplies	\$2,820.80
Wages	April	\$30,029.75
WAPA	March power	\$17,983.39
Wesco	Supplies	\$7,863.67

TOTAL APRIL 21 PD MAY 21 **\$226,910.48**

Sanders moved to approve payment of the utility claims as presented. Van Houten seconded the motion. Ayes: All Nays: None

Total revenues for the Electric and Water Utilities were \$176,246.19.

TELECOM CLAIMS The following bills were presented for approval:
LIST

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	FOR	APRIL 21 PD MAY 21
Telecom		
Alliant Energy	Service	\$233.46
Alta-Aurelia Shooting Team	Donation	\$50.00
Alta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	\$1,002.45
Altatec	Phone	\$324.29
Altatec	DID line charge	\$1,666.08
Ancerly Hosting	Service	\$20.00
Aureon	DA/Calea	\$86.80
Bally Sports North	April access	\$1,500.00
Big Ten Network	April access	\$540.00
Buena Vista County E911	April service	\$232.89
Caboth, Desel	Phone/CATV CR refund	\$97.12
Card Connect	Service fee	\$449.36

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Century Link	Access	\$176.89
Consortia	March service	\$1,530.00
Interstate TRS Fund	Assessment	\$121.03
Kimmes, Brett & Marie	Internet CR refund	\$101.30
KMEG	April access	\$1,080.00
Loffler	Copier contract	\$88.27
Long Lines	Access	\$8,882.32
Lumen	DA	\$47.61
Movall, Wanette	Phone CR refund	\$19.21
NCTC	Access	\$17,251.64
Nena	Dues	\$255.00
NeoTek	Service	\$551.20
Nexstar Broadcasting	April access	\$1,140.00
Pilot Tribune	Public relations	\$117.84
Power Solutions	Service	\$2,000.00
	Phone/CATV/Internet CR	
Rahe, Ed & Marjorie	refund	\$183.53
Showtime	April access	\$42.99
Soto, Jose	Internet CR refund	\$95.30
Stull, Carolyn	Phone CR refund	\$19.52
Treasurer State of Iowa	April sales tax	\$2,472.57
United Bank	Telecom bond	\$1,960.22
Wages	April	\$15,217.54
TOTAL APRIL 21 PD MAY 21		\$59,556.43

Sanders moved to approve payment of the telecom claims as presented. Van Houten seconded the motion. Ayes: All Nays: None

Total revenues for the Telephone and Cable/Internet Utilities were \$70,531.64.

FINANCIAL REPORTS The board performed a detailed review of the financial reports and power cost report.

WATER UPDATES The contractor inspected the inside and outside of the water tower, took pictures, and is sending out a brief report of his findings. There is paint peeling that will need attention in the next couple years, some rust/corrosion, screen replacement, and aviation light to replace. He will be attending the next meeting to present a maintenance program to spread the cost over several years. He discovered a small leak in the pit under the tower that needs attention. The pit has a sump pump in it now and an estimate for repairs was solicited.

TELECOM Some negotiations with programmers are still going on with most of them wanting big increases. The internet customers are steadily increasing.

ELECTRIC/DGR RATE STUDY Directional boring will start next week for the east Main St. alley from 1st to 6th St. for the underground upgrade.

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A rate study was recommended by the attorney to make sure that AMU's rates and customer class definitions are current. DGR Engineering, who did AMU's rate study in 2001 was solicited and works with several of the NIMECA members. The descriptions and goals of the Task Order agreement and specialty items were discussed. Van Houten made the motion to proceed with the Task Order for professional services for a rate study and for distributed generation. Seconded by Peterson. Ayes: All Nays: None

MANAGER'S
REPORT

The Telecom Clerk resigned Monday to take a City Clerk's position and will need to be replaced.

NEXT MEETING
DATES

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. at Alta City Hall.

MOTION TO
ADJOURN

Motion made by Van Houten to adjourn the meeting at 5:13 p.m. Seconded by Peterson. Ayes: All Nays: None



Randy Tilk

Secretary of the Board of Trustees
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