

## May 2022 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 10, 2022.

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

**ROLL CALL** Present – Clyde Bartel, Gloria Sanders, Megan Schreck, Todd Peterson, Rob Hach  
Also, present – Randy Tilk, Pam Henderson, Desi Suter, Vi Tilk, Cory Sutton

**AGENDA** Tilk asked that Water be moved to the front so Sutton could report on Well #6. Sanders made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Schreck. Ayes: All Nays: None

**WATER/WELL #6** Sutton gave an update on the status of Sargent Drilling working on getting the sand cleared around the screen of Well #6 so we can use it again to pump water. They will be back Wednesday to start a process that will suck the sand at a higher velocity into the screen to be pumped out to re-develop the well. The cost of this is \$500.00 per hour and time depends on the amount of sand in the area. Sutton and Tilk will monitor their progress.

The electricity has been shut off to Well #5 and equipment removed. A new valve and flushing hydrant will be installed to help clear any sand in the piping from Wells #6 and #7 to the treatment plant, then Well #5 can be plugged. Sutton excused himself from the meeting.

**UTILITY AND TELECOM MINUTES** Sanders moved to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2022, Municipal Utilities and Telecommunications meeting. Seconded by Peterson. Ayes: All Nays: None

**UTILITY CLAIMS LIST** The following bills were presented for approval:

<b>ACCOUNTS PAYABLE Utilities</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>APRIL 22 PD MAY 22</b>
Ag State	Fuel	\$170.35
Alliant Energy	Service	\$986.44
Alta, City of	SW-LF-EL	\$39,921.38
Alta Municipal Utilities	Apply deposits to accounts	\$1,200.00
Alta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	\$5,512.25
Altatec	Phone	\$270.30
Bankers Trust	WS4	\$12,000.00
Blackburn Mfg. Co.	Supplies	\$474.90
Blue Lake Websites	Annual fee	\$60.00
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$382.77
Border States	Supplies	\$839.53

Card Connect	Service fee	\$477.57
Cardmember Service	Postage/fees	\$80.57
Central Iowa Distributing	Supplies	\$811.00
Chicago Central	Annual license	\$85.00
Community Oil	Fuel	\$76.16
Crossroads Mobile	Service	\$11,747.59
DGR Engineering	Service	\$3,660.00
Edwards, Marque	Deposit refund	\$300.00
EMC Insurance	Claim deductible	\$384.44
Foundation Analytical	Service	\$30.00
Gibson, Fred	Flex reimbursements	\$496.66
Hach Co.	Chemicals	\$1,642.47
Hawkins	Chemicals	\$5,920.64
Hernandez, Olga	Deposit refund	\$300.00
IAMU	Report	\$150.00
Iowa Department of Revenue	Water excise tax	\$3,753.36
Iowa Utilities Board	Assessment	\$1,644.00
Kueny Chiropractic	Service	\$30.00
Langschwager, Mitch	Travel expense	\$387.27
Larson Oil	Supplies	\$675.95
Loffler	Copier contract	\$160.08
MidAmerican Technology	Equipment	\$2,380.00
Mike's Electronics	Service	\$95.00
Nagel, Janet	Rebate	\$70.00
Nelsons Vet Supply	Supplies	\$25.60
NeoTek	Service	\$166.00
NIMECA	Attachment H	\$298.63
NIMECA	March power	\$41,738.52
NIMECA	Resco reimbursement	\$6,991.06
Office Elements	Supplies	\$118.84
Post Office	Trust account	\$600.00
Schiltz, Tanner	Reimbursement	\$213.95
Storm Lake Ace Hardware	Supplies	\$76.82
Sutton, Cory	Flex reimbursement	\$402.09
Tilk, Randy	Travel expense	\$71.96
Treasurer State of Iowa	April sales tax	\$3,503.39
US Bank	Copier contract	\$30.13
U. S. Cellular	Service	\$31.08
Wages	April	\$28,109.81
WAPA	March power	\$17,983.39
Wesco	Supplies	\$933.79
Ziegler	Service	\$2,200.98

**TOTAL APRIL 22 PD MAY 22**

**\$200,671.72**

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

Total revenues for the Electric and Water Utilities were \$233,804.14.

TELECOM CLAIMS  
LIST

The following bills were presented for approval:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	FOR	APRIL 22 PD MAY 22
<b>Telecom</b>		
Alliant Energy	Service	\$234.64
Alta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	\$1,427.07
Altatec	Phone	\$320.73
Altatec	DID line charge	\$1,666.08
Aureon	DA/Calea/transport	\$104.51
Bally Sports North	April access	\$1,436.64
Big Ten Network	April access	\$514.65
Blue Lake Websites	Annual fee	\$60.00
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$13.49
Buena Vista County E911	April service	\$224.56
Card Connect	Service fee	\$477.56
Cardmember Service	Postage/meeting	\$98.27
Century Link	Access	\$176.89
Community Oil	Fuel	\$82.01
Consortia	March service	\$975.00
Fiedler, Mikaela	Internet CR refund	\$19.90
Interstate TRS Fund	Assessment	\$103.89
Jesse, Donna	CATV CR refund	\$3.93
Loffler	Copier contract	\$160.07
Long Lines	Access	\$9,345.63
Lumen	DA	\$50.61
MidAmerican Technology	Equipment	\$2,380.00
MLB Network	March/April access	\$314.16
NCTC	Access/supplies	\$18,529.07
Nena	Dues	\$255.00
NeoTek	Service	\$166.00
Nexstar	April access	\$1,204.50
Office Elements	Supplies	\$118.84
Peterson, Stanley	Phone CR refund	\$13.89
Power Solutions	Service	\$750.00
Rivera, Miguel	Internet CR refund	\$9.73
Showtime	April access	\$44.91
Stange, D.	CATV CR refund	\$37.24
Tilk, Randy	Travel expense	\$176.67
Treasurer State of Iowa	April sales tax	\$2,414.43
United Bank	Telecom bond	\$1,960.22
US Bank	Copier contract	\$30.12
Wages	April	\$13,162.97
Wright, Elaine	Phone CR refund	\$11.70
<b>TOTAL APRIL 22 PD MAY 22</b>		<b>\$59,075.58</b>

Schreck 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 \$76,234.33.

**FINANCIAL  
REPORTS**

The board performed a detailed review of the financial reports and power cost report. Tilk commented on the payment to Corn Belt for transmission line improvements out of the CTS Fund, current funding, and that AMU funding should be adequate for the next five years depending on material and labor costs.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Henderson thanked Alta Municipal Utilities, AltaTec, employees, and Trustees for their service to the community. She then voiced her opinion about some comments that were made at the April meeting. Tilk asked about some comments he overheard that were made at their special council meeting.

**ELECTRIC**

Discussion was held on trying to interview a journeyman lineman that applied for the position. Discussion was held on moving forward with the underground conversion so maybe an inexperienced lineman could get by operating the system and less chance of major issues that our aging overhead would have in a storm. Discussion was held on posting the ad for utility manager to have training time. Sanders made the motion to post the ad. Seconded by Hach.

Discussion was held giving Mitch Langschwager a third week of vacation. Tilk commented that when he was hired five years ago that the board allowed him to stay on the IAMU Safety Committee with two weeks of vacation. Hach made the motion to give Langschwager a third week of vacation. Seconded by Schreck. Motion passed.

Tilk commented on the progress of moving the primary and secondaries for the City storm drain project so their contractor can start construction. The 55' pole has been picked up and framed for the water tower lighting project.

**TELECOM**

The existing billing system for telecom that we use from Long Lines will not be supported anymore. There are costs to switch over to the new system that can be paid monthly. Bartel, Gibson, and Tilk will be meeting with LL's Wednesday to discuss the telecom.

A fiber vault has been purchased and the directional boring to install a conduit should be done this week to install fiber at Summit Church. Other fiber projects were discussed.

MANAGER'S  
REPORT

The audit is almost completed and will be presented at the June meeting.

NEXT MEETING  
DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. at Alta City Hall.

MOTION TO  
ADJOURN

Motion made by Hach to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 p.m. Seconded by Schreck. Ayes: All Nays: None

*Randy Tilk*\_\_\_\_\_

Randy Tilk  
Secretary of the Board of Trustees  
Alta Municipal Utilities and  
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