

VINTON MUNICIPAL COMMUNICATIONS UTILITY BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 10, 2020

A regular meeting of the Vinton Municipal Communication Board of Trustees was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020 at 5:00pm at Vinton City Hall, 110 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Vinton, Iowa. Chairman Hainstock presided and the roll being called the following board members were present and absent: Present: Barron, Hainstock, Horst, Meyer, Mosher. Absent: None.

Motion by Horst, second by Meyer to approve the agenda. Question: Yes - All. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Motion by Barron, second by Mosher to approve the consent agenda. Yes - All. The Chairman declared the motion carried. Items on the consent agenda are to receive and file VMCU Board meeting minutes of October 13, 2020, receive and file October financial report and approve invoices including an invoice from Farr Technologies for \$270.00 and an invoice from ImOn for \$51,025.00.

Attorney Bob Fischer is handling the grievance filed with the Iowa Attorney General's Office.

Dave Fridley, Farr Technologies, shared they are working on a few cleanup items and will plan to closeout the contract next spring. It is still projected this project will be completed under budget. The addition of the Anderson Creek subdivision provided additional potential customers.

The State of Iowa has created a grant to help fund telecommunication installations. The 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the Anderson Creek subdivision may be eligible.

Motion by Barron, second by Horst to have Farr Technologies prepare and submit the State of Iowa Broadband Grant Program – Empower Rural Iowa application. Question: Yes - All. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Cory Carpenter, ImOn, shared there are currently 619 customers receiving iVinton services including 39 businesses. The average response time for a customer support call to be answered by the iVinton office has been exceptional.

Curtin Dean, Smart Source, shared bulk agreements are still being worked out but COVID has slowed the process. The tech team was able to visit Virginia Gay Hospital. They are looking for a bulk tv package for the hospital TVs. The cost estimate for the installation is expensive due to new wiring, equipment, cables, etc. Cory Carpenter will speak with staff at Virginia Gay Hospital about the cost and how to proceed.

Motion by Barron, second by Mosher to offer a contract to Matt Storm to serve as the Interim Manager Consultant. Question: Yes - All. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Chairman Hainstock will be signing the Operational and Technical Support Agreement on behalf of the Vinton Municipal Communication Utility and returning to ImOn.

General Manager Richtsmeier shared that site survey requests have remained around 1,793. New customers continue to sign up for services daily.

Angie Wittmer, iVinton office manager, shared things continue to go well at the iVinton office.

Motion by Barron, second by Horst to adjourn the meeting. Question: Yes - All. The Chairman declared the motion carried. Time: 6:15 p.m.

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Richard L. Hainstock Chairman

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Melissa Schwan Secretary