

CITY OF COON RAPIDS, IOWA
MUNICIPAL UTILITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OCTOBER 19, 2023

The Board of Trustees of Coon Rapids Municipal Utilities met at 7:00 A.M., October 19, 2023 as per posted notice and rules of the Board at the Conference Room – “NOC” Network Operations Center, Coon Rapids, Iowa. The Board also provided public access to the meeting electronically at: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/bradhonold>. Trustees present were Alan Andersen, Lee Boeke, Mary Schwaller and Doris Bass. Absent: Terry Garnes.

Motion by Schwaller, Second by Andersen with all voting “Aye” to approve the agenda.

Motion by Andersen, Second by Schwaller with all voting “Aye” to approve the consent items: 9/21/23 Board Minutes, Abstract of Claims #2023-10 in the amount of \$629,519.⁵⁸, Financials.

General Manager’s Report: NIMECA Update, SPP, Basin, Etc. - ECG - Television Streaming Sets New Record - Windstream 10G Circuit - Disconnection Statistics.

The General Manager reviewed that Iowa Savings Bank was getting close to “turning up” their new cash management service called Positive Pay.

Motion by Andersen, Second by Schwaller approving Resolution #2023-8 “Resolution Naming Depositories for Coon Rapids Municipal Utilities.” Schwaller “Aye,” Andersen “Aye,” Boeke “Aye,” Bass “Aye.” Garnes: Absent.

The General Manager stated that the current three-year retransmission cycle is ending in 2023 and its time for renewal of the off-air network programming contracts (i.e. Ch. 5, Ch. 8, Ch. 13, Ch. 17, Ch. 23). CRMU has received the first “off-air” retransmission consent proposal from Nexstar (WHO – Ch. 13) and their contract rates for the next three years are \$8.69, \$9.99 and \$11.49 in contrast to their current rate of \$6.44/sub/month – which computes to a 35%, 55% and 78% increase compared to the current rate. Motion by Schwaller, Second by Bass with all voting “Aye” to renew the Nexstar agreement.

The General Manager reviewed the financial challenges related to the cost of television programming. Today 90% of the cost of programming is controlled by just seven media companies and they continue to raise rates year after year. Staff shares the frustration of our customers at the ever-rising costs of cable television and feel that a lot of customers can no longer justify the cost of our television service. With the variety of new streaming services that are available, the Board discussed potential exit strategies and timing related to not offering cable television.

This notice is given at the direction of the Chairman pursuant to Chapter 28A, Code of Iowa and local rules of said governmental body.

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