

Marquette Board of Light and Power 08-23-2022 MINUTES

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A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on August 23rd, 2022, beginning at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Present: John Prince, Chair
Robert Niemi, Vice Chair/Secretary
Paul Schloegel
John Sonderegger
Ed Angeli

Absent: None

E. Angeli made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, R. Niemi seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

1. **Approval of the July 26th, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes**

R. Niemi made a motion to accept the July 26th, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. P Schloegel seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

R. Niemi made a motion to approve the Bills Payable, as presented, totaling \$ 1,953,058.37. P. Schloegel seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables as presented.

3. **Public Comments:**

Margaret Brumm, 404 E Magnetic St

Presented the Board with a list of options for the Shiras Property with advantages and disadvantages; options included doing nothing with the property, creating an eco-friendly permeable parking lot, creating a “sky-walk” above an eco-friendly parking lot.

Terry Darin 530 E Arch St

Speaking on behalf of Upper Peninsula Community Rowing; proposing non-motorized boat (canoes, row boats, paddle boards) storage and launch, the storage would be a non-permanent structure in the south-west corner of the property. Terry also presented the Board with a handout as to what the structure would look like and an overview of what the concept would look like.

Mike Potts, 205 Newberry St

Spoke in favor of the of the non-motorized boat storage and launch on the Shiras property. He also noted that we (Marquette) are on the Hiawatha Water Trail, and we currently don't have a “trailhead” and this area could act as that.

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- 4a. **Recommendation to Approve MERS Delegate**
E. Angeli made a motion to approve the Employee and Officer Delegates for the 2022 MERS annual conference, P. Schloegel seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.
- 4b. **Recommendation to Approve Oil Mist Separator Purchase**
R. Niemi made a motion to approve the purchase of oil mist separators from Wartsila in the amount of \$ 26,480.90, E. Angeli seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.
- 4c. **Recommendation to Approve 138kV Circuit Breaker Purchase**
E. Angeli made a motion to approve the purchase of 138kV Circuit Breaker from GE Grid Solutions in the amount of \$ 86,300.00, R. Niemi seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.
- 4d. **Recommendation to Approve 69kV Circuit Breaker Purchase**
P. Schloegel made a motion to approve the purchase of 69kV Circuit Breaker from GE Grid Solutions in the amount of \$ 61,475.00, J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.
- 4e. **Recommendation to Approve 69kV Voltage Transformer Purchase**
R. Niemi made a motion to approve the purchase of 69kV Voltage Transformer form GE Grid Solutions in the amount of \$ 30,490.56, E. Angeli seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

Capital Projects

- a. **Second Interconnection** – B. Collins updated the Board on what parts he would expect the Board to see in the coming meetings, he also updated the Board on the lead times of the products. Our LiDAR survey work is expected to be completed and returned to us soon.
- b. **Shiras Property** – The open area has been seeded and grass is beginning to grow. Still waiting on a few invoices from vendors before we can provide a final update on cost.
- c. **Other** – T. Carpenter informed the Board the MEC maintenance schedule is ramping up and they should expect to start seeing more parts come through accounts payable.
6. **Financial Discussion – Manager of Accounting, Tobias Smith:**
Manager of Accounting, Tobias Smith presented the Interim Operating Statement for the month ending July 31st, 2022, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five-Year History, and Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget.

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7. **Public Comments:**

Margaret Brumm – 404 E Magnetic St

Margaret continued her comment from the first public comment session, regarding uses for the Shiras Property. She spoke to renting out an eco-friendly parking lot for winter storage. She also spoke to utilizing the site as an off-leash dog park and the disadvantages of moving forward with that kind of plan.

8. **Any Additional Business the Executive Director Wishes to Present:**

T. Carpenter inquired with the Board regarding setting a time for the upcoming budget work session.

9. **Any Additional Business the Board Members Wish to Present:**

P Schloegel – Thanked all those that stepped forward and brought ideas to the Board regarding the Shiras property; he also reminded everyone that the process will most likely take a fair amount of time and not to expect quick movements on the plans for the property. Also inquired about some of work going on (construction) around town and whether we were part of it.

R. Niemi – Spoke to some of the different ideas that have been brought before the Board by the different community members.

E. Angeli – Inquired about the rocks that loaded and unloaded from the dock space. T. Carpenter shared that the rock is being used to replace rock on one of the break-walls.

J. Sonderegger – Echoed P. Schloegel’s comments regarding the community input regarding the Shiras site. He inquired about the fence line and what the timeline for relocating that fence would be, T. Carpenter mentioned that we are going to give the grass some time to establish itself and see what the property is looking like for the spring.

J. Prince – Spoke to some of the ideas that have been brought forward by the community, also spoke to the core purpose of the MBLP and that bringing the property back to “clean and green” is the right start, and then go from there.

10. **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.



Robert Niemi,
Vice Chair/Secretary