

# Marquette Board of Light and Power 09-27-2022 MINUTES

## 2200 Wright St., Marquette, MI 49855 (906) 228-0311

A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 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  
Ed Angeli

Absent: John Sonderegger

R. Niemi made a motion to excuse J. Sonderegger from the meeting, E. Angeli seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved

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

1. **Approval of the August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes and August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes**

P. Schloegel made a motion to accept the August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes and August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes. R. Niemi 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 \$ 1,399,444.14. P. Schloegel seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables as presented.

3. **Public Comments:**

Linda Savage, 237 N Lakeshore Blvd.

Spoke in support of the non-motorized boat storage and launch on the Shiras property. She is the Secretary of the Board for the UP Rowing Club and is reading into the record a Letter of Support from Co-Founder and Spokesperson of the Hiawatha Water Trail, Sam Crowley. The letter outlines the benefits of a storage space for human-powered watercraft at the site of the former Shiras property site.

Samantha Spagnolo, 1708 Elm Ave.

Proposing turning the former Shiras property into an indoor/outdoor dog park. Samantha is the owner of Superior Bark, a dog sitting and dog walking business here in Marquette.

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Tim Strom, 3060 Island Beach Rd.

Is currently running for a Board of Light & Power Board seat in the upcoming election. Tim gave a brief introduction of his background, born and raised in Marquette, graduated with a degree in civil engineering from Michigan Tech University. Tim also gave a brief outline on what he would like to accomplish if he were elected to the Board.

#### 4. **Public Hearing – 2022/2023 Budget**

R. Niemi made a motion to open the public hearing for the 2022/23 MBLP annual budget, E. Angeli seconded the motion, the Board unanimously approved. Chief Financial Officer M. Link updated the Board on the changes from the previous budget session. Discussion followed; Chairman Price opened the floor to public comment, no public comment was made. The Board unanimously approved the 2022/23 MBLP Budget as presented. E. Angeli made a motion to close the public hearing, R. Niemi seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

#### 5a. **Recommendation to Approve Joint Use Pole Agreement**

R. Niemi made a motion to approve the Joint Use Pole Agreement provided by Davey Research Group in the amount of \$ 85,833.34, P. Schloegel seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

#### 5b. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Fleet Pickup Trucks**

E. Angeli made a motion to approve the purchase of 1 pickup truck from Fox Marquette Chevrolet in the amount of \$ 42,024.00 and 1 pickup truck from Marthaler GMC for \$ 45,670.22, R. Niemi seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

#### 5c. **Recommendation to Approve Bearing Kits & Rod Shims for Unit 1 & 2**

P. Schloegel made a motion to approve the purchase of Bearing Kits and Rod Shims from Wartsila in the amount of \$110,496.43, R. Niemi seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

#### 5d. **Recommendation to Approve 18k hour Preventative Maintenance Parts & Labor**

R. Niemi made a motion to approve the 18k hour Preventative Maintenance parts & labor from Wartsila in the amount of \$ 482,894.17, E. Angeli seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

#### 5e. **Recommendation to Approve MEC Engine #2 Block & Casting Repairs**

P. Schloegel made a motion to approve MEC Engine #2 block and casting repairs in the amount of \$ 798,245.00, E. Angeli seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

#### 5f. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of MEC Engine #2 Repair Parts**

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E. Angeli made a motion to approve the purchase of MEC Engine #2 repair parts in the amount of \$ 359,677.07, R. Niemi seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

5g. **Recommendation to Approve Northern Natural Gas Contract**

R. Niemi made a motion to approve a five-year Natural Gas firm capacity contract of 2,000 Dth per day with Northern Natural Gas, E. Angeli seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

5h. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of OMS Software**

E. Angeli made a motion to approve the purchase of an Outage Management System from Milsoft in the amount of \$ 114,001.00, P. Schloegel seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

6. **Energy Optimization Recommendation**

R. Niemi made a motion to authorize the MBLP to enter into an agreement with MPPA/MMEA/Franklin Energy in the amount of \$ 50,000.00 for 2023 Energy Optimization implementation, P. Schloegel seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

7. **Capital Projects**

- a. **Second Interconnection** – Might need to call a special meeting between now and the next meeting to approve time sensitive items, such as overhead materials and a substation control house. B & V is still working through the LiDAR information.
- b. **Shiras Property** – T. Carpenter shared the final project numbers with the Board.
- c. **Other** – Nothing additional

8. **Financial Discussion – Chief Financial Officer, Mark Link:**

CFO, Mark Link presented the Interim Operating Statement for the month ending August 31st, 2022, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five-Year History, and Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget.

7. **Public Comments:**

No public comment was made.

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

T. Carpenter informed the Board we purchased some fuel oil to resupply the MEC. T. Carpenter also informed the Board he was going to be doing a tour with an individual and some members from the city about the possibility of an Innovation Center in Marquette. One of the areas being looked at is one of our out-buildings (Four Plant) that is currently being used for cold storage. This is all very preliminary, and we (MBLP) are not sure if it was something we would be interested in at this point.

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

P. Schloegel – Commented on moving forward with the Energy Optimization program.

R. Niemi – Appreciated staffs work on the Budget material and appreciated how clear it was presented.

E. Angeli – Glad to see the Shiras project coming to a close and seeing some of the final numbers. Also commented briefly on our direction with an Energy Optimization program.

J. Prince – Thanked the staff for all their work on the quick response and professionalism in regards to Engine #2 and thanked the staff again for all the work that went into the budget.

10. **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.



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Robert Niemi,  
Vice Chair/Secretary