

Marquette Board of Light and Power 01-28-2020 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 January 28, 2020 beginning at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Present: Tom Tourville, Chair
Robert Niemi, Vice Chair/Secretary
Jerry Irby
John Prince
Ed Angeli

Absent: None

E. Angeli made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, J. Irby gave support and board unanimously approved.

1. **Approval of the December 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes:**

J. Irby made a motion to accept the December 17th, 2020 regular Meeting Minutes as presented. T. Tourville gave support and Board unanimously approved meeting.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

E. Angeli made a motion to approve the Bills Payable, as presented, totaling \$282,295.40. R. Niemi gave support and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables as presented.

3. **Public Comments:**

No comments were made at this time.

4. **2019 Audit Presentation:**

Paul Nardi from Makela, Toutant, Hill, Nardi & Katona, P.C. presented the 2019 audit report. P. Nardi stated that they issued an unmodified "clean" opinion regarding the audit. P. Nardi discussed different aspects of the audit, along with highlighting different aspects of the financials (Management Discussion & Analysis, Statement of Net Position, Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position, Statement of Cash Flow, and Require Supplementary information.) R. Niemi made a motion to accept the 2019 Audit as presented, J. Irby gave support, the Board unanimously approved.

5. **Recommendation to Award GRP Engineering Contract for Shiras Substation Control House – Engineering & Design**

J. Irby made a motion to award GRP Engineering Contract for Shiras Substation Control House – Engineering & Design services in the amount of \$167,000. T. Tourville gave support and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the award to GRP Engineering.

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6. **Capital Projects**

a. SSP Demolition – J. Hendrickson updated the board on the status of the SSP Demolition and gave an overview of what the different aspects of the project entail; he commented that the Demolition project is intertwined with almost all the other projects currently being worked on. J. Hendrickson stated that they are currently working on a Demolition Scope and Technical Specification package which they would then present to the prospective demolition companies in order to receive bids.

b. Ash Pond Remediation – Ash Pond remediation was discussed briefly as part of the SSP Demolition. J. Hendrickson stated that the project is currently out for bids and that the project would need to be completed by October.

c. Second Interconnection – T. Carpenter updated the Board on the current status of the Second Interconnection. B. Collins explained where the project is currently at and what information had been gained by going through the ATC process. B. Collins is continuing to engineer the project down to a unit cost at the construction level in order to better understand the actual costs and impacts of the project.

d. Wright St Expansion – K. Benstrom updated the Board on the status of the Wright St. expansion. Currently floorplans have been made; T. Carpenter explained some of the updates/changes that are planned to the interior/exterior of the Wright St building.

7. **Financial Discussion – Mark Link:**

Chief Financial Officer, Mark Link presented the Interim Operating Statement for the month and seven months ending December 31, 2019, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five Year History, Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget. Discussion followed.

8. **SSP Closure Environmental Impact:**

T. Carpenter shared metrics regarding the environmental impact of retiring the Shiras Steam Plant. Some of the metrics that were shared included Sulfur Dioxide, NOX, Carbon Monoxide, CO2, along with the reduction in ash disposal.

9. **Public Comments:**

Jorma Lankinin – 8 Marquette Drive: Mentioned that he had missed a few meetings and inquired about the MEC acoustic retrofit.

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

T. Carpenter mentioned that he had shared the SSP environmental impact numbers with a member of the community who had inquired at a prior meeting.

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

T. Tourville – Nothing additional

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J. Irby – Nothing additional

R. Niemi – Commented on the complexity of the issues currently being worked on and all the work that goes on behind the scenes.

E. Angeli – Inquired about the Rate Study. Mentioned that Jorma may be able to have a conversation with Tom regarding the information presented at the prior meetings regarding the MEC acoustic retrofit.

J. Prince – Commented on the complexity of the issues the staff is working through. J. Prince also made comments regarding our cyber security measures and inquired about what that entails. T. Carpenter responded, stating some of the measures we currently have in place and that it is an ongoing effort; T. Carpenter also mentioned that a lot of the details are highly sensitive and as such he would not be able to go into specifics.

12. **Adjournment:**
The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.



Robert Niemi,
Vice Chair/Secretary