

Marquette Board of Light and Power 04-28-19 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 April 28th, 2020 beginning at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order followed by Roll Call.

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

Absent: None

E. Angeli made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, J. Irby seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the agenda.

1. **Approval of the March 24th, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes**

J. Irby made a motion to accept the March 24th, 2020 regular Meeting Minutes as presented. J. T Tourville seconded and The Board unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

R. Niemi made a motion to approve the Bills Payable, as presented, totaling \$232,780.14. E. Angeli seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables as presented.

3. **Public Comments:**

No comments were made at this time.

4. **Recommendation to Authorize sale of Caterpillar 980K wheel loader:**

T. Tourville made a motion to authorize the sale of the Caterpillar 980K wheel loader. J. Irby seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

5. **Recommendation to Award contract for underground services to Northern Utility, Inc.:**

E. Angeli made a motion to award a 3-year contract for underground services to Northern Utility, Inc. J. Irby seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

6. **Recommendation to Award purchase of three (3) 15 kV Circuit Breakers to Primus Marketing Group:**

J. Irby made a motion to award the purchase of three (3) 15 kV Circuit Breakers to Primus Marketing Group in the amount of \$60,147.15. R. Niemi seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

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7. **Recommendation to Award purchase of Shiras Substation Control House to Systems Control:**
E. Angeli made a motion to award the purchase of the Shiras Substation Control House from Systems Control in the amount of \$489,769.00. J. Irby seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.
8. **Capital Projects Discussion:**
a. **Second Interconnection** – Working on an option with ATC; ATC is also helping search for a consultant to assist with the process.
b. **Wright St Expansion** – Nearly ready for bid, working on finalizing layouts.
c. **Shiras CCR** – Movement of material has begun, loads have been going to Manistique on a beneficial re-use pilot project to help them with a slope issue. J. Prince appreciates the MBLP staff looking hard to find some beneficial re-use of this material; stating that it was a positive move for all parties involved. The MBLP has also been working with the state of Michigan to come up with a beneficial re-use solution.
d. **Other:**
1) **SSP Demolition** – Golder Inc. is in a holding pattern until restrictions have been lifted. Golder has been continuing to work on the project remotely. We have also been receiving inquiries from different demolition companies regarding the project. J. Prince inquired about the possible resale of parts in the SSP; T. Carpenter explained that Golder would be helping us with that process and that we are exploring all avenues available.
9. **Financial Discussion – Mark Link:**
Chief Financial Officer, Mark Link presented the Interim Operating Statement for the month ending March 30, 2020, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five Year History, Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget, and Summary of Investments. Discussion followed.
10. **Public Comments:**
Jen Hill – 503 Craig St – Jen is Part of Citizens Utility Board of Michigan, an organization that helps residential rate payers; she is offering a local voice to talk through some ideas. Also she is part of the UP Energy Task Force and wanted to make sure the MBLP received an invitation to the upcoming meeting, which will shift its focus more to UP electric issues.
11. **Any Additional Business the Executive Director Wishes to Present:**
T. Carpenter updated the Board on the current status of our COVID-19 response and how we are keeping our workforce safe while remaining productive.
T. Carpenter informed the Board of some of the hurdles that were encountered while trying to implement an online customer portal and that we are currently doing what we can to move forward in that process.

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

TT- No further comments

JJ- Mentioned it was great to be able see everyone.


BN- No further comment, just hoping everyone stays safe and healthy.

EA – Stated that it would be good to have someone participate in the UP Energy Task Force Meeting. E. Angeli also reiterated the importance of local power and what that means for our community.

JP- Also reiterated the importance of local power and that being part of the community places us in a much better position to help our customers; he also stated, if any customers have concerns about their bills, that they please reach out to us so we are able to help. J. Prince thanked the MBLP for they work they have done distributing hand sanitizer to the businesses and individuals in need in Upper Peninsula. J. Prince mentioned that it is important to check in with our neighbors through this and make sure they are doing well.

13. **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.



Robert Niemi,
Vice Chair/Secretary