

Marquette Board of Light and Power 10-22-19 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 October 22, 2019 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

1. **Approval of the September 24th, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes:**

E. Angeli made a motion to accept the September 24th, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. R. Niemi gave support and Board unanimously approved meeting. E. Angeli thanked the Board for excusing him from the September 24th, 2019 meeting.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

J. Prince made a motion to approve the payments made between 09/20/2019 through 10/21/19 and the Bills Payable, as presented, totaling \$550,183.40. J. Irby 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. **MEC Retrofitting Project:**

T. Carpenter updated the Board regarding the progress of the project. Retrofitting Project is on time and on budget. Work is being completed on the final wall of the building. J. Prince inquired on the final testing timeline of the retrofitting project. T. Carpenter will follow up with Board.

5. **Recommendation to Purchase Preventative Maintenance Parts for MEC Engines**

J. Irby made a motion to approve the purchase of Preventative Maintenance Parts for MEC Engines in the amount of \$ 91,600.25. J. Prince gave support and after discussion, the Board approved unanimously.

6. **Recommendation to Approve Letter of Agreement for Administrative Services for Energy Optimization Plan**

E. Angeli made a motion to approve the Letter of Agreement for Administrative Services for the Energy Optimization Plan in the amount of \$ 17,500. J. Prince gave support and after discussion, the Board approved unanimously.

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

Chief Financial Officer, Mark Link presented the Interim Operating Statement for the month and twelve months ending September 30, 2019, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five Year History, Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget, Investments, discussion followed.

8. **Second Interconnection Study**

T. Carpenter updated the board on the current options regarding tie-lines and interconnection possibilities. ATC returned options to T. Carpenter; options were presented to the board; options are pending further analysis and discussion.

9. **Public Comments:**

No comments were made at this time

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

T. Carpenter presented a letter from Cleveland Cliffs regarding continued interest in a long term dock agreement.

T. Carpenter updated the board regarding “No Hunting” signs that the BLP had posted on/around the basin. All signs are intact.

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

E. Angeli commented on the tie-line options and the quality discussion that is being had.

R. Niemi commented on the tie-line discussion and the options presented.

J. Irby thanked the board for supporting his attendance to the MMEA conference and followed with comment on some of the benefits he realized from attendance.

J. Prince inquired on the operational status of the generators at SSP. B. Kyllonen reported 4 generators are currently operational.

J. Prince asked about how often we are approached by our larger customer regarding potential rate increases. T. Smith & T. Carpenter stated they receive a few inquiries a year.

12. **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.



Robert Niemi,
Vice Chair/Secretary