

# Marquette Board of Light and Power 12-17-19 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 December 17th, 2019 beginning at 4:30pm, the meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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, R. Niemi gave support and board unanimously approved.

1. **Approval of the November 12th, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes**

J. Irby made a motion to accept the November 12, 2019 regular Meeting Minutes as presented. T. Tourville gave support and Board unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

E. Angeli made a motion to approve the Bills Payable, as presented, totaling \$434,361.46. R. Niemi gave support and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables as presented.

3. **Public Comments:**

No public comment was made.

4. **2020 Board Meeting Schedule**

J. Irby made a motion to approve discussion of the 2020 Board Meeting Schedule, T. Tourville gave support and after discussion, E. Angeli made a motion to accept the board meeting dates as presented with the amended meeting dates; November meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> and December meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>, T. Tourville gave support, no further discussion was had, The Board unanimously approved the amended 2020 Board Meeting Schedule.

5. **MEC Retrofitting Project:**

T. Carpenter updated the Board on the MEC retrofit results from SLR. T. Carpenter explained that while we have no required standards to follow at a local or state level, SLR tested against required targets in other areas; California, FERC, State of Illinois, and standards in Alberta, Canada. SLR found our post construction test indicated favorable results when compared to these standards. J. Prince spoke in regards to the process and the accomplishments on the project. J. Irby commented on the accomplishments and

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commented that we came in significantly under budget on the project. J. Irby also questioned if we had recourse to the original engineers. T. Carpenter said we would be looking into any recourse we may have.

6. **Recommendation to Award 5-year System Study, Coordination Study, and Arc-Flash Study to GRP Engineering:**

T. Tourville made a motion to Award 5-year System Study, Coordination Study, and Arc-Flash Study to GRP Engineering in the amount of \$108,800.00. J. Irby gave support, and after discussion the Board approved unanimously.

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

Chief Financial Officer, Mark Link presented the Interim Operating Statement for the month ended November 30<sup>th</sup> 2019, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five Year History, Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget. Discussion followed.

8. **Approval of Union Contract**

T. Tourville made a motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the IBEW 510 and The Marquette Board of Light & Power. E. Angeli gave support, and after discussion the Board approved unanimously.

9. **Public Comments:**

Mary Thorington 2412 Huron St spoke to the MEC acoustic retrofit.

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

T. Carpenter updated the board in regards to the Thanksgiving outage; B. Collins presented some pictures of storm repair and figures regarding man hours over the Thanksgiving holiday. T. Carpenter updated the Board on the successful launch of off-site bill printing and mailing. T. Carpenter gave a brief update on the front office remodel. T. Carpenter updated the Board on the Annual MBLP Lighting contest; M. Zavislak shared a few words regarding enthusiasm in the community for the Lighting Contest. T. Carpenter introduced our newest employee, G. Getschow, the Board welcomed Grant; G. Getchow thanked the Board and stated that he was happy to be here.

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

T. Tourville clarified the intention of comments made regarding the cost of the MEC acoustic retrofit. T. Tourville reiterated the continued dedication that the MBLP has to reducing the sound impact to the surrounding community. T. Tourville also thanked the employees of the MBLP for their hard work during the Thanksgiving outage. T. Tourville commented on the MBLP's financial situation and thanked the staff for the work they have put towards future financial planning.

J. Irby commented/clarified the intention of comments made regarding the cost of the MEC acoustic retrofit. J. Irby thanked T. Carpenter for his assistance with a customer who had contacted him. J. Irby wished everyone a happy holiday and Merry Christmas.

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E. Angeli thanked the MBLP staff for their hard work during the Thanksgiving storm; E. Angeli thanked M. Adamini and the bargaining team for their hard work during negotiations. E. Angeli asked that the SSP closure/demolition be included on agendas going forward.

J. Prince commented on the work session the Board had with The City of Marquette regarding the SSP parcel. J. Prince thanked the staff of the MBLP for their hard work during the Thanksgiving storm. J. Prince thanked M. Thorington for her comments and input through the years and through the retrofit process. J. Prince wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday.

13. **Adjournment:**  
The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.



Robert Niemi,  
Vice Chair/Secretary