

Marquette Board of Light and Power 07-28-2020 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 July 28th, 2020 beginning at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Due to special circumstances and adhering to Governor Executive Directive No. 2020-2 (Public Meetings of State of Michigan Public Bodies during the COVID-19 Emergency) Public Participation was held via conference call.

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

Absent: (None)

T. Carpenter asked to move agenda item 9 to 3a. J. Irby made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, moving item 9 to 3a. T. Tourville seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

1. **Approval of the June 23rd, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes:**

E. Angeli made a motion to accept the June 23rd, 2020 regular Meeting Minutes as presented. B. Niemi seconded the motion and Board unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

E. Angeli made a motion to approve the Bills Payable, as presented, totaling \$554,807.68. J. Irby seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables as presented.

3. **Public Comments:**

No public comment was made.

3a. **Cost of Service Presentation.**

Chris Lund and Dawn Lund presented the Board with the Cost of Service Report. The Cost of Service Report reflected a 3.7% overall reduction in the cost of service. Details of the study were presented and discussed. Following the presentation J. Prince discussed organizing a Special Board Meeting to finalize Board approval of the recommended rates. A Special Meeting was agreed upon for next Tuesday August 4th at 4:30pm.

(The Board recessed for 3 minutes)

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4. **Recommendation to award Shiras Substation construction & Control House installation.**

T. Tourville made a motion to award Shiras Substation construction & Control House installation to Kent Power, Inc. in the amount of \$ 499,425.00. E. Angeli seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

5. **Phone Upgrade Discussion.**

M. Link presented the Board with the constraints of our current phone system, along with a course of action to respond to comments received by our customers.

5a. **Recommendation to Approve Upgrade of Mitel Automated Call Distribution Software.**

J. Irby made a motion to approve upgrade of Mitel automated call distribution (ACD) software in the amount of \$ 39,953.00. E. Angeli seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

6. **Recommendation to Award Decommissioning, Abatement, & Demolition of Shiras Steam Plant No 2 Fuel Oil System.**

E. Angeli made a motion to approve award decommissioning, abatement, & demolition of Shiras Steam Plant No 2 Fuel Oil System to MJ VanDamme Trucking in the amount of \$ 86,475.00. T. Tourville seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

7. **Capital Projects**

a. Second Interconnection – T. Carpenter updated the Board on current discussions with ATC. T. Carpenter presented the Board with a non-binding letter of intent that was drafted to be presented to ATC. The Letter of Intent further explores working with ATC to find a viable option for our Second interconnection.

b. Wright St Expansion – Moving along, a retaining wall was added to the plan based on the slab of the existing structure; otherwise, things are moving along to plan.

c. Shiras CCR/Shiras Demolition – CCR still moving along, timeline is on track. Contractors were on site for the Shiras demolition pre-bid meeting. E. Angeli questioned the coal pile on the dock. T. Carpenter explained it was Cleveland Cliffs' coal and that it was placed on the pavement at the dock, so there was no impact on the cleanup of the compacted coal from our operations.

d. Other – Nothing additional

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

Chief Financial Officer – Mark Link presented the Interim Operating Statement for the month ending June 30th, 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:**

No public comment was made.

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

T. Carpenter had nothing additional

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

R. Niemi – Nothing additional

E. Angeli – Inquired about the proposed vertical launch site and the infrastructure in place, commented that they would most likely be on Alger-Delta and questioned what may need to be added to support that operation.

J. Prince – Thanked the staff and M. Link for all the work that was put into Cost of Service Study.

T. Tourville – Inquired about our deep water port and if the MBLP may realize any benefit from the proposed vertical launch site.

J. Irby – Nothing additional

13. **Closed Session – Risk Management Presentation**

J. Prince made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act, to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute, which is section 13(1)(y) of the Freedom of Information Act which exempts from public disclosure records or information of measures designed to protect the security or safety of the municipal electric system and disclosure would impair the MBLP's ability to protect the security or safety of the system. B. Niemi seconded the motion; the board unanimously approved by roll call vote and went into closed session at 7:24p.m.

E. Angeli made a motion to come out of closed session at 7:47p.m. T. Tourville seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously by roll call vote to come out of closed session.

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14. **Closed Session – Written Attorney Opinion Discussion**

J. Prince made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act, to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute, which is section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act which exempts from public disclosure records subject to the attorney-client privilege. B. Niemi seconded the motion; the board unanimously approved by roll call vote and went into closed session at 7:45p.m.

J. Irby made a motion to come out of closed session at 8:50pm. E. Angeli seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously by roll call vote to come out of closed session.

J. Irby made a motion to allow J. Prince and E. Angeli to work with T. Carpenter to assist the attorneys with their opinion regarding the MEC. E. Angeli seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

10. **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.


Robert Niemi,
Vice Chair/Secretary