

Marquette Board of Light and Power 1-22-19 MINUTES

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A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on January 22, 2019 beginning at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call by Chair Tom Tourville.

Present: Tom Tourville, Chair

Jerry Irby

Ed Angeli

John Prince

Absent: Robert Niemi, Vice Chair/Secretary

J. Irby made a motion to excuse R. Niemi from the meeting tonight with support from J. Prince. Board unanimously approved. Chair T. Tourville appointed E. Angeli to be the Acting Vice Chair/Secretary for tonight's meeting. T. Tourville requested a couple of changes to the agenda: change the order of item 3 and item 4, the INNOVA Presentation will be item 4 and Financial Discussion will be item 5 and add an additional public comment as item 4a. J. Prince made a motion to approve the revised agenda, as presented. E. Angeli gave support and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

1. **Approval of the December 11, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes**
E. Angeli made a motion to accept the December 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion was supported by J. Irby and unanimously approved by the Board.
2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**
J. Irby made a motion to approve the Bills Payable, as presented, totaling \$1,726,290.17 with J. Prince giving support. The Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables as presented.
3. **Public Comments:**
No comments were made at this time.
4. **Presentation from INNOVA Global:**
T. Tourville introduced INNOVA Global representatives Arthur Kupper, Senior Acoustical & HVAC Engineer and Aaron Atherton, Senior Manager of Business Development to the meeting. Before the presentation, Executive Director Tom Carpenter gave an overview of what the MBLP has been working on in the past months and how the MBLP got to this point regarding the noise mitigation. During the presentations, A. Kupper and A. Atherton gave an overview of their company and what projects they have worked on in the past, in which they have completed over 5,100 projects in 54 countries. They went into detail what tests they completed, reports they studied and assessed before they did our own diagnostic noise survey. Their recommendations include retrofit existing wall and roof system with new design and significantly more insulation, remove and replace existing ridge vent hood and add 90 degree elbows facing north away from

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residents and retrofit radiator with inlet silencer and fan deck barrier. T. Carpenter stated that he and his staff have been studying this proposal and others submitted and believe this is the best proposal to fix the problem. A. Kupper stated that through their research, they believe the major low frequency noise is largely coming from the building and roof and the whining, high pitch noise is coming from the radiator bank. He stated that the work will be done in a staged approach to minimize the impact for surrounding neighbors. They estimate time for the completion of the project would be 3.5 months once they begin the construction. Board members asked questions and made comments.

J. Irby made a motion to authorize the Executive Director, with assistance of legal counsel, to pursue an agreement with INNOVA Global in an amount not to exceed \$2.9 million for the purposes of pursuing a staged noise mitigation approach at the Marquette Energy Center. J. Prince supported motion and after discussion, Board unanimously approved.

4a. **Public Comment:**

Jorma Lankinen 8 Marquette Drive commented on the presentation and stated that the proposed noise migration should be very noticeable.

Mary Thorrington 2412 Huron Street stated that she has three issues with the MEC: one being the whining sound, the second the engine sound and third, the percussion and the constant vibration. She asked if all three of these issues will be addressed and once the work is done, will INNOVA be out taking more measurements and meeting with the customers.

Tom Driscoll 2212 Huron Street said that he wanted to thank the Board and staff for listening to them and taking action.

Martin Clark 2322 Norwood asked how the addresses in the presentation were picked for testing study and asked if it would it not be prudent to add more addresses? A. Kupper stated that there were more addresses tested.

Dulcee Ranta ~~2043 Granite Street~~²⁰¹¹ Jenny Lane stated that she suffers from headaches and loss of sleep because of the constant rumbling and vibrating from the MEC. She also questioned if having the trees removed on the MBLP had any impact on the sound studies.

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

Chief Financial Officer, Mark Link presented the Interim Operating Statement for the month and three months ending December 31, 2018, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs Prior Year and Five Year History, Trailing 13 Month Revenue by Type in \$000s and Summary of Investments as of December 31, 2018. Discussion followed.

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6. **Public Comments:**

No public comments were given at this time.

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

T. Carpenter stated that he has been discussing the building of a secondary transmission line with American Transmission Company. He also stated that the mobile generation units have been found and a deposit has been paid. These units will be used as backup while the transmission line is being built.

He also shared that over \$16,000 has been donated to our new Generating Change Program to help residents with paying their electric bills during the winter months.

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

E. Angeli asked if anything was being done for expanding or building a new Board Room. T. Carpenter stated that M. Link is working with a company on updating the office area, board room and the outside siding.

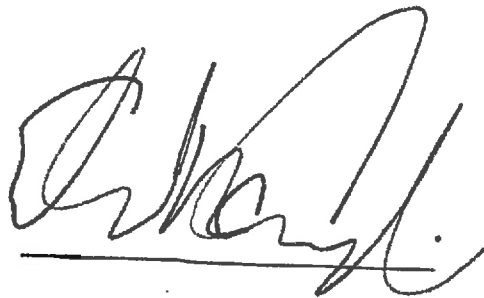
J. Irby asked if there was any news on the Shiras Steam Plant issue.

J. Prince stated that he was glad so many people came in for the presentation tonight.

T. Tourville suggested that we might call in an extra meeting on the building of the second transmission line and what to do with SSP. He also read a letter from Jim Recvs, Publisher of the Mining Journal thanking the MBLP and Norcen Collins for our hard work and support of the Lighting Display Bus Tours.

9. **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.



Edward Angeli
Acting Vice Chair/Secretary