

Marquette Board of Light and Power 5-07-19 MINUTES

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A special meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on May 7, 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

R. Niemi made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with E. Angeli supporting motion. Board unanimously approved the presented agenda.

1. **Recommendation to Award Proposals for:**

a. MEC Sound Retrofit Project

Executive Director Tom Carpenter provided opening comments regarding the current status of the MEC Sound Retrofit Project. He stated that the MBLP did receive the engineering documents from receivership company Pricewaterhouse-Coopers. The next step was to find another company to complete the project. In our case, we were lucky that a company by the name of SLR Consulting Limited hired four of the original employees that were working on our project and they are willing to take on our project and help us to finish it. What is before you is their proposal.

J. Irby made a motion to approve the not to exceed amount of \$203,350 to SLR Consulting Limited to for the acoustic design and owner's engineering support services for the MEC Retrofit Project. J. Prince seconded motion. Discussion followed with Board asking questions, such as, was the reduction of 4 decibels still the planned target and if the new company concurred with INNOVA's analysis. T Carpenter confirmed. Other questions that were asked were about SLR Warranty guarantees, management services, the time schedule and if there would be a problem with Canadian customs. Legal Counselor Laura Katers Reilly responded that the only people that we would be concerned about is the engineers who would be on site for project management and we are pretty comfortable with what we will need to do to get them here. MBLP Board approved the proposal, unanimously.

b. Purchase of Circuit Breakers

J. Prince made a motion to accept both recommendations from staff on the purchase of two (2) 15 KV circuit breakers from Primus Marketing Group for a total amount of \$68,504 and the purchase of one (1) 69 KV circuit breaker from GE Grid Solutions for a total amount of \$45,795. After discussion, Board unanimously approved the purchases.

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2. **Public Comments:**

Mary Thorrington 2412 Huron Street Marquette asked why the MEC Plant was running on Sunday and asked if the public could be informed about the MBLP's dispatching strategy.

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

T. Carpenter stated that the MBLP is officially out of the Coast Guard Homeland Security business. Because we are not receiving anymore coal, we notified CCI that we would like them to take over the security and they agreed. We did receive a letter from the coast guard last week that we are no longer responsible for Homeland Security.

T. Carpenter responded to Mrs. Thorrington's question as to why we were running the MEC on Sunday. He stated that Sunday was a special case because we had to do some maintenance work last week and needed to do some testing. He was very sorry that it was so late. As to informing the public as to when and how we are going to do things, I don't that is practical and would be opening a can of worms. We simply don't have a way of notifying the public every time we do something.

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

Ed Angeli stated that he is glad that plans for a building update are in the works.

John Prince thanked Tom Carpenter and Laura Katers Reilly regarding this whole process in INNOVA Global's bankruptcy.

5. **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.



Robert Niemi,
Vice Chair/Secretary