

# Marquette Board of Light and Power 5-08-18 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 May 8, 2018 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  
David Puskala, Vice Chair/Secretary  
Jerry Irby  
Edward Angeli  
Robert Niemi

Absent: None

Chair Tom Tourville informed the Board that board member Jerry Irby will need to leave the meeting early tonight. T. Tourville requested two revisions to the agenda, one to move item 7 on the agenda to become item 3a and to move item 8 to become 11a. Executive Director Tom Carpenter requested that item 5 be removed from the agenda tonight. J. Irby made a motion to accept the requested changes and approved the revised agenda. E. Angeli gave support to the motion and Board unanimously approved the revised Agenda.

1. **Approval of the April 10, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes:**

E. Angeli made a motion to accept April 10, 2018 regular meeting minutes, as presented. Motion was supported by D. Puskala and unanimously approved by the Board.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

J. Irby made a motion to approve the Bills Payable, as presented, totaling \$1,279,470.48. R. Niemi gave support and Bills Payable were unanimously approved by the Board.

3. **Public Comments:**

No comments at this time.

3a. **NMU EAN/Fiber Discussion:**

Mr. Eric Smith, Director of Broadcasting and AV Services at Northern Michigan University presented a proposal to the Board regarding sharing their Educational Access Network with the MBLP in exchange for use of two fiber cables in our loop. This would give the MBLP free internet access for our mobile workforce and remote site access for monitoring.

4. **Financial Discussion – Helen LaFayette, Controller:**

Controller Helen LaFayette presented the Interim Operating Statement for the six months ending March 31, 2018, Projected Cash Flow Statement, Electric Revenues – Budgeted versus Actual, the FY Comparative KWH Analysis and Summary of Investment as of

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March 31, 2019. Discussion followed. D. Puskala said that staff is doing a great job with monitoring the budget and it is very encouraging that the MBLP is running so close to the budget.

5. **Board Approval Letters:**

a. Award Bid for new 4X4 Pickup Truck for Distribution Dept. – T. Carpenter requested that this letter be pulled from tonight’s meeting.

b. Renew Service Contract for SCADA System.

A motion was made by J. Irby to award and renew a three (3) service contract to the sole supplier of the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System in the total amount of \$35,613. For cyber security protection, the name of the company will not be listed in the minutes. R. Niemi gave his support for the motion. Discussion followed on the SCADA System and D. Puskala suggested that in the future, this could be a good topic for a future meeting. T. Carpenter stated that this is a very valuable contract. Board unanimously approved the renewal of the service contract.

c. Computerized Maintenance Management System for MEC.

R. Niemi made a motion to award Wärtsilä North America, Inc. in the amount of \$130,608 for the purchase of an IBM Maximo Computerized Maintenance Management System that is specifically designed for the new Marquette Energy Center. D. Puskala supported the motion. Manager of Electrical Engineering, Brett Kyllonen gave the Board an overview of the system and the high importance and value for the operation and maintenance of the MEC and other parts of the MBLP organization. Board approved the purchase unanimously.

6. **MEC Noise Discussion:**

T. Carpenter gave a brief update on the noise complaints received and stated that he talked to Wärtsilä and they have a whole team of people working on this issue. They currently are working on a prototype to put inside the building to absorb the noise. They are in the process of testing this prototype. T. Carpenter stated that we are not breaking any zoning ordinances, rules or laws but we do want to be good neighbors by reducing the noise. He also received an offer from Shriner, who did the original sound study, to do a follow-up study to make sure we are meeting all of our goals. Chair, Tom Tourville stated that we did three or four additional things, costing over \$200,000, in the construction process to avoid a noise issue. Even though the noise issue is subjective where some neighbors have no problems and others are hearing the engines, T. Tourville said that if there are additional, reasonable measures that can be taken to minimize this issue, we will pursue them.

7. Moved to 3a

8. Moved to 11a

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9. **Public Comments:**

No comments

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

No additional comments was added.

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

E. Angeli commended T. Carpenter for going to the Marquette Township Board Meeting but recommends that in the future, another board member should join him in these situations.

R. Niemi stated that T. Carpenter did a very fine job at the Marquette Township Board Meeting and they appreciated his presence at their meeting.

J. Irby agreed with E. Angeli's comment and also, recommends a Board member going with T. Carpenter in the future so he is not having to take all the questions.

T. Tourville stated that T. Carpenter wishes to provide the Board members with certain commercial information that may be useful to Board Members in developing future Board policy and that he had been provided the commercial information based upon his promise of confidentiality. Therefore, a closed session to discuss this information may be appropriate. Also, T. Tourville stated before we continue we will take a short break so Board Members can sign attendance forms for the students in the audience that are here because of a High School Government Class assignment.

11a. **Power Supply Discussion:**

E. Angeli made a motion to go into closed session at 5:25 p.m. in order to discuss proprietary commercial information which Executive Director Carpenter indicated he had been provided based on his promise of confidentiality. J. Irby gave his support. Roll Call Vote as follows: Ed Angeli – yes, Robert Niemi – yes, Dave Puskala – yes, Jerry Irby – yes and Tom Tourville – yes. J. Irby requested to leave the meeting at this time because of a prior engagement. At 6:03 p.m., E. Angeli made a motion to open the session. R. Niemi gave support and Board unanimously approved.

12. **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

  
David Puskala  
Vice Chair/Secretary