

Marquette Board of Light and Power 7-25-17 MINUTES

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A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on July 25, 2017 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
Robert Niemi
David Carlson

Absent: None

J. Irby made a motion to accept the agenda, as presented. D. Carlson gave support and Board approved unanimously the agenda.

1. **Approval of the July 11, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes:**
R. Niemi made a motion to accept July 11, 2017 regular meeting minutes, as presented. D. Puskala seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved by Board.
2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**
J. Irby made a motion to approve the Bills Payable, as presented, totaling \$996,040.65, with R. Niemi giving support. After discussion, Board unanimously approved the bills payable.
3. **Public Comments:**
No public comments at this time.
4. **Financial Discussion:**
Helen LaFayette, Controller reviewed the Interim Operating Statement for the nine months ending June 30, 2017, the Projected Cash Flow Statement, the KWh Comparison, Revenue Charts and the Investment Summary. Discussion followed.
5. **Recommendations to Authorize Delegates for Annual MERS Meeting:**
In accordance with the provisions of the Retirement Act, the governing body of the MBLP must certify to the Retirement Board the names of (2) delegates to represent the utility at the Municipal Employee Retirement System's Annual Meeting. J. Irby made the motion to authorize Noreen Collins, Executive Assistant to execute the appropriate certification documents to be forwarded to the Retirement Board. D. Carlson supported the motion and the Board unanimously approved.
6. **Power Supply Planning and Dispatch Analysis Presentation – Burns and McDonnell:**
Acting Executive Director Tom Carpenter introduced Mike Borgstadt, P.E. from Burns and McDonnell to the Board. Mr. Borgstadt gave a presentation on the findings of the updated Power Supply Planning Analysis Report. The report analyzed several different strategies with various economic scenarios involving the MEC, Shiras Steam Plant Unit No. 3 and the transmission grid. T. Carpenter stated that with the addition of the MEC, the MBLP has

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sufficient resources to meet its peak load and Shiras is in good shape with the environmental regulations. This information is educational and we will continue to evaluate the long-term operation of the MBLP generating units. T. Carpenter stated that H. LaFayette and T. Smith will be taking this data and plugging it into the rate case study. On August 22, T. Carpenter stated that there will be a Special Work Session where Dawn Lund from Utility Financial Solutions will be here to present the rate case study with two scenarios (using Unit No. 3 or not using Unit No. 3). She will be presenting the rate track for each case scenario.

7. **Marquette Energy Center Update:**

Acting Executive Director Tom Carpenter gave an update on the MEC, stating that Wärtsilä is still working on the natural gas tuning and has flown in a tuning expert from Finland. Air testing for natural gas is tentatively scheduled for the 14th of August. The engines need to pass this test before the project will be handed over to the MBLP.

T. Carpenter asked Ian Olmsted, owner of Peninsula Solar to give the Board an update on the progress of the new solar garden. Mr. Olmsted gave specifics on the project and said everything is going well and is on track. They will start putting posts in the ground tomorrow morning. He stated Kevin Downs, Supervisor of Metering and Energy Programs has been great to work with as our point person. At the next Board Meeting, he will bring a more detailed report and estimates the commissioning of the project within a month.

8. **Public Comments:**

No public comments at this time.

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

No additional comments were made.

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

D. Puskala thanked Mr. Borgstadt for presenting the Power Supply Planning Analysis Report.

11. **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.



David Puskala
Vice Chair/Secretary