

Marquette Board of Light and Power 8-08-17 MINUTES

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A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on August 8, 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, with support from R. Niemi. Board unanimously approved the agenda.

1. **Approval of the July 25, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes:**

R. Niemi made a motion to accept July 25, 2017 regular meeting minutes, as presented, with support from D. Carlson. 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 \$2,156,659.66, with R. Niemi giving support. After discussion, Board unanimously approved the bills payable.

3. **Public Comments:**

No public comments at this time.

4. **Recommendations to Authorize Mussel Surveys at Tourist Park and Forestville Basins:**

D. Carlson made a motion to authorize ASTI Environmental to perform the mussel surveys and relocation services for the Tourist Park and Forestville Basins in the amount of \$49,401. This Mussel Recovery Program was part of the Tourist Park Recovery Agreement made with Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in 2009. Motion was supported by J. Irby. Acting Executive Director Tom Carpenter gave some background information of this program and Josh Hendrickson answered questions. After discussion, Board unanimously approved.

5. **Recommendations to Authorize Payment for Change Orders on GWC:**

R. Niemi made a motion to authorize payment to Miron Construction Co. in the amount of \$337,149.12 for 14 change items to the General Work Contract. It was noted that PCI 132 which totaled \$185,735.83 will be back charged to Wärtsilä due to the rework required to install the proper air compressors that were originally designed incorrectly. D. Carlson supported the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

6. **Marquette Energy Center Update:**

Acting Executive Director Tom Carpenter gave an update on the performance testing and stated that the issues are about 99 percent resolved. He related that the control room should

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be in place in the next couple of weeks. Wartsila's service engineer is scheduled to be at the plant until October 15.

7. **Public Comments:**

Jorma Lankinen 8 Marquette Drive mentioned that there has been a few people complaining about the noise from the new plant when all three engines are running. He suggested that someone from the MBLP contact them to see what the issues are.

John Forslin 6 Southfork Drive thanked the MBLP for all that they have accomplished with the new plant and the solar garden being completed. He suggested that the Board come up with a sign to inform the community and to celebrate their accomplishments. He said that he would love to have a sign saying that he is a part of our new Solar Garden or perhaps, stickers could be made.

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

Acting Executive Director Tom Carpenter informed the Board that Dawn Lund from Utility Financial Services has a conflict with the Work Session Meeting scheduled on August 22 and will not be able to attend. He requested that the Board have her planned presentation at the regular board meeting on August 29. Board members were in agreement and there will not be a special work session meeting scheduled.

T. Carpenter also shared with the Board the news that all of the solar panels should be mounted by the end of the day. The MBLP has sold 310 panels so far, with 170 solar panels still available for purchase.

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

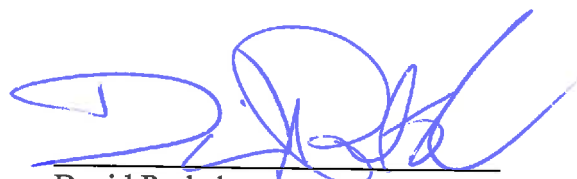
D. Puskala agrees with Mr. Forslin and likes the idea of showcasing the solar panels with yard signs and small stickers to put on cars in support of the new Solar Garden.

T. Tourville said that we should schedule a TV 6 reporter to be here to do a story on the Solar Garden.

J. Irby thanked Toby Smith, Manager of Accounting and Customer Service and Helen LaFayette, Controller for helping a local church to reduce their energy usage. They did a lot of extra work to accomplish this.

10. **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.



David Puskala
Vice Chair/Secretary