

Marquette Board of Light and Power 11-06-18 MINUTES

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A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on November 06, 2018 beginning at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call by David Puskala, Vice Chair/Secretary.

Present: David Puskala, Vice Chair/Secretary

Jerry Irby

Robert Niemi

Ed Angeli

Absent: Tom Tourville, Chair

Chair, T. Tourville was out of town so Vice Chair, David Puskala chaired the meeting and appointed Robert Niemi to be the Vice Chair/Secretary tonight. R. Niemi made a motion to excuse T. Tourville with support from E. Angeli. Board unanimously approved. E. Angeli made a motion to move item 8 to the next regular meeting so we will have the full board to adopt 2019's Regular Board Meeting Schedule. R. Niemi gave support and it was unanimously approved by the Board. D. Puskala requested that we discuss item 9 after public comments, making the item 3a. E. Angeli made a motion to approve the revised agenda, R. Niemi giving support and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

1. **Approval of the October 09, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes**

J. Irby made a motion to accept the October 09, 2018 Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion was supported by R. Niemi and unanimously approved by the Board.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

J. Irby made a motion to approve the Bills Payable, as presented, totaling \$1,047,240.53 with E. Angeli giving support. The Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables as presented.

3. **Public Comments:**

No comments were made.

a. **MEC Noise Discussion:**

Manager of Mechanical Engineering Services, John Schultz gave an update on the progress of the MEC noise issue. He stated that we are still working diligently to correct the problem. We have a couple of designs that look very promising and are being considered closely. With consideration of cost feasibility, both options have the same effectiveness but one is not so labor intensive. He cautioned the Board that to totally eliminate all noise is not really realistic. The Board asked questions and D. Puskala recommended that once all the information has been collected, the Board should call a Special Meeting so they can totally focus on this problem.

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4. **Land Development Code Presentation – David Stensaas, City of Marquette:**

David Stensaas, City Planner & Zoning Administrator gave a presentation on the Land Development Code that is being proposed by the Planning Commission and the City Commission. On display was the Proposed Zoning Map of the City and the Future Land Use Map, in which Mr. Stensaas explained some of the zoning changes that are being recommended. After the presentation and discussion, E. Angeli made a motion to direct staff and legal counsel to engage in this zoning process and bring recommendations back to the Board so they can address the issues. R. Niemi gave support and Board unanimously approved.

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

Chief Financial Officer, Mark Link presented the Interim Operating Statement for the twelve months ending September 30, 2018, Projected Cash Flow Statement, Electric Revenues – Budgeted versus Actual, KWH Comparative for the Twelve Months Ending September 30, Summary of Investments covering the total unrestricted and internally designated investments. Discussion followed. R. Niemi made a motion to approve financials as presented, E. Angeli gave support and Board unanimously approved.

6. **Recommendation to Award Bids for:**

a. **Storage Building Modifications Project**

J. Irby made a motion to award Associated Constructors the storage building modification project in the amount of \$69,500 with E. Angeli supporting motion. Associated Constructors submitted the lowest bid meeting minimum bid specification requirements. Board unanimously approved.

b. **Security Services for Shiras Steam Plant**

A motion was made by E. Angeli to approve the proposal for 24/7 security services at the Shiras Steam Plant from General Security Services Corporation in the amount of \$14,777 per month from December 2018 until April, 2019. Support was given by R. Niemi. The Board unanimously approved the proposal.

7. **Community Solar Garden One Year Review – Kevin Downs:**

Supervisor of Metering and Energy Programs, Kevin Downs gave a presentation on the MBLP Community Owned Solar Garden, which went into full production on October 19, 2017. He stated that the solar production is in line with our expectations and has produced 159.83 Mega Watt Hours so far this year. The Solar Garden has also avoided 284,606.97 lbs. of CO2 emissions which is the equivalent of 7,168.21 trees planted. He shared that the MBLP has been working with the Marquette County Soil Conservation District to utilize the land occupied by the solar array to create a stop-over and reproductive area for the threatened Monarch Butterfly.

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8. **Recommendations to Adopt the 2019 Regular Board Meeting Schedule:**
It was recommended and approved to move this item to the December Regularly scheduled Board Meeting, when all board members will be present.
9. **MEC Noise Discussion: (move to 3a)**
10. **Public Comments:**
No public comments were given
11. **Any Additional Business the Executive Director Wishes to Present:**
M. Link thanked David Puskala for his years of service on the Board of Directors and presented him a plaque of recognition.
12. **Any Additional Business the Board Members Wish to Present:**
E. Angeli thanked D. Puskala for his support on the Board and wished him good luck with his future endeavors.

R. Niemi said that he enjoyed serving with D. Puskala and thanks him. He then asked Attorney, Laura Katers Reilly to review the proposed zoning maps as they pertain to the MBLP property.

J. Irby stated that it has been his pleasure working with D. Puskala and he will be missed.

D. Puskala stated that he appreciates the plaque and card. He has learned a lot working on the Board, really enjoyed working with the staff and feels that we have made a lot of progress in the last three years. He has been happy to serve. Thank you.
13. **Adjournment:**
The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.



Robert Niemi
Acting Vice Chair/Secretary