

Marquette Board of Light and Power 1-31-17 MINUTES

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A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on January 31, 2017 beginning at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Tom Tourville, Chair
David Puskala, Vice Chair/Secretary
David Carlson
Jerry Irby
Robert Niemi

Absent: None.

J. Irby made a motion to accept the agenda, as presented. R. Niemi supported the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

1. **Approval of the January 10, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes:**

D. Puskala made a motion to accept January 10, 2017 regular meeting minutes, as presented, with support from J. Irby. Board unanimously approved the minutes.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

D. Carlson made a motion to approve the Bills Payable as presented, totaling \$1,369,292.49. Motion was supported by D. Puskala. After questions were answered, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payable, as presented.

3. **Public Comments:**

Bob Kulisheck 617 W. Hampton Street stated that he is the Chair of the Marquette County Climate Adaption Task Force which is made up of approximately 20 local leaders, government officials and/or community business owners. Their goal is to think proactively about the effects of climate change and to develop strategies to make the best use of the resources we have available. He commended the MBLP for their work with the Marquette Energy Center and the new Solar Garden. He stated that we need to be proactive and talked about Holland Michigan and their development of a community energy plant. This task force is very interested in meeting the MBLP in the future to work towards developing goals to have cleaner, reliable and affordable energy for decades to come.

4. **Annual Financial Audit Presentation – Paul Nardi:**

Paul Nardi from Makela, Toutant, Hill and Nardi presented to the Board of Directors the Annual Financial Statements ending September 30, 2016. Board of Directors asked questions as Mr. Nardi presented his audit. Executive Director, Paul Kitti stated that we continue to be diligent watching over grandma's money. T. Tourville stated that he is very happy with the audit and thanked Mr. Nardi for his presentation.

5. **Financial Discussion – Helen LaFayette:**

Helen LaFayette, Controller gave an update to the Board on the Interim Operating Financial Statement for the three months ending December 31, 2016. She also reviewed the Projected Cash Flow Statement, FY 2017 Electric Revenues, KWH Comparison graphs and

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summarized the restricted and unrestricted investments as of December 31, 2016. Discussion followed with staff answering questions from the Board.

6. **Recommendation to Award Update to the Power Supply Planning Analysis:**
T. Tourville requested that before a motion is made, he would like to give the Board time to ask questions of Burns & McDonnell. Mr. Mike Borgstadt and Kyle Combes from Burns & McDonnell were introduced to the Board Meeting via a teleconference call. Various Board Members asked many questions in regards to how this study will be conducted and what the Board could expect from the study. The purpose of the study is to give the Board information so you can make decisions as to what path they will want to go down in the future. J. Irby made a motion to proceed with the update to the Power Supply Planning Analysis to incorporate the addition of the Marquette Energy Center to Burns and McDonnell in the not to exceed amount of \$46,600.00. D. Puskala supported the motion and Board approved.
7. **Sargent & Lundy –Ken Mixer:**
Ken Mixer gave an overview of the MEC Project. He stated that Miron Construction has over a 100 workers on site and 70 percent of the overall construction of the whole project has been completed. Sargent and Lundy has received and evaluated 55 change items and found the changes to be reasonable. Of the 55 changes, only 14 changes reflect additional costs to the General Work Contract.
8. **Approval of Change Orders on General Work Contract:**
D. Puskala made a motion to approve the payment of the 14 change order items to Miron Construction for the total amount of \$247,330.08 and 41 change items were at a \$0.00 cost. The largest change order was because the drawings was not available when the original contract was bid out. R. Niemi supported the motion and Board approved unanimously.
9. **Marquette Energy Center Update:**
J. Reynolds gave an overview of the project costs summary.
10. **Community Solar Update – Erik Booth:**
Director of Planning & Regulatory Affairs, Erik Booth stated that he has some exciting news to share. The project is progressing and the completion of the contract with MI Energy Options should be finalized by the end of March. The public outreach efforts, such as mailings and marketing, will begin sometime in April and we will be taking subscriptions sometime in May. He stated that everything is on track for the construction to be completed this year.
11. **Public Comments:**
Jorma Lankinen 8 Marquette Drive stated that everyone is becoming more energy conscious. He has changed all his lighting to LED bulbs and has not really noticed the 30 percent increase in his bills.
12. **Any Additional Business the Executive Director Wishes to Present:**
No other comments were made.

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

No other comments were made

14. **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



David Puskala
Vice Chair/Secretary