

Marquette Board of Light and Power 2-14-17 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 February 14, 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.

P. Kitti stated that Perttu Puras and Pauli Makela from Wärtsilä are here and would like to present to the Board on the Commissioning Plan for the MEC. T. Tourville suggested putting the presentation in the agenda as 3.a. J. Irby made a motion to accept the revised agenda with D. Puskala supporting. The Board unanimously approved the revised agenda.

1. **Approval of the January 31, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes:**

R. Niemi made a motion to accept January 31, 2017 regular meeting minutes, as presented. D. Carlson gave support of motion and it was unanimously approved by Board.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

D. Puskala made a motion to approve the Bills Payable as presented, totaling \$3,059,229.75. Motion was supported by J. Irby and Board unanimously approved the Bills Payable, as presented.

3. **Public Comments:**

No comments at this time.

- a. **Commissioning Plan of the MEC:** Perttu Puras gave an in-depth presentation on the procedures that Wärtsilä will be engaging in to test and energize the MEC. Pauli Makela gave comments and answered questions. The commissioning of the units will be a very detailed process with inspections all through the process and safety stops will be critical to the procedure. Once the commissioning process is complete, these units will be able to get to full load in five minutes.

4. **Lake Superior Community Partnership (LSCP) Presentation – Amy Clickner:**

Amy Clickner, Chief Executive Officer of the LSCP gave an overview of the organization and their services to the community and area businesses. Also, Ms. Clickner introduced fellow staff members: Caralee Swanberg, Vice President of Economic Development and Ashley Szczepanski, Marketing and Event Coordinator.

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5. **Sargent & Lundy Update – Chuck Beitel and Ken Mixer:**
Chuck Beitel, Project Director gave the Board an update on the MEC Project. Mr. Beitel stated that the engineering is 98 percent complete and construction is 75 percent complete. There was a meeting today with staff from Wärtsilä, Miron, MBLP and Sargent & Lundy which went very well. Everyone is working hard to keep on schedule and everyone is communicating well so the project will be a success.
6. **Marquette Energy Center Update:**
There is not a lot of change since the last meeting.
7. **Community Solar Garden – David Lynch:**
Assistant Director David Lynch stated that the contract is near completion. The public marketing will begin in April and the Community Solar Garden should be on line in August of this year.
8. **Public Comments:**
John Forslin 36 Southfork Street, Marquette, stated that he wants to purchase four panels.
9. **Any Additional Business the Executive Director Wishes to Present:**
No additional comments.
10. **Any Additional Business the Board Members Wish to Present:**
No additional comments.
11. **Adjournment:**
The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.



David Puskala
Vice Chair/Secretary