

# Marquette Board of Light and Power 2-28-17 MINUTES

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A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on February 28, 2017 beginning at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: David Puskala, Vice Chair/Secretary

David Carlson

Jerry Irby

Robert Niemi

Absent: Tom Tourville, Chair

J. Irby made a motion to approve Board Chair, Tom Tourville's absence from the meeting. D. Carlson supported the motion and Board unanimously approved. Acting Chair, David Puskala appointed Robert Niemi to be the Vice Chair/Secretary for the meeting. Executive Director Paul Kitti requested two items be added to the agenda 4a and 7a. J. Irby made a motion to accept the amended agenda with support from R. Niemi. Board unanimously approved.

1. **Approval of the February 14, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes:**

R Niemi made a motion to accept February 14, 2017 regular meeting minutes, as presented, support was given by D. Carlson and unanimously approved by Board.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

D. Carlson made a motion to approve the Bills Payable as presented, totaling \$806,744.32. Motion was supported by J. Irby and the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payable, as presented.

3. **Public Comments:**

No comments at this time.

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

Controller Helen LaFayette reviewed the Interim Operating Statement for the four months ending January 31, 2017, the Projected Cash Flow Statement, and the related revenue and kwh analysis charts.

a. **Approval Purchase of Monopropylene Glycol Mixture for MEC Project:**

D. Carlson made a motion to approve the purchase and R. Niemi gave support to the motion. Manager of Mechanical Engineering Services, John Schultz gave a background of the extra work that was done communicating with Wärtsilä to ensure that the product meet their specifications to be used with the equipment and to ensure we did not break the warranty. Wärtsilä gave their approval of this product. Board unanimously approved the purchase of Monopropylene Glycol Mixture from Edward H Wolf & Sons, Inc., the lowest bidder, for the price of \$5.63 per gallon for a total amount of \$60,241.00.

5. **Sargent & Lundy Update – Ken Mixer:**

Ken Mixer gave an update on the MEC Project to the Board, thus far. The overall project is 89 percent complete and the general work contract with Miron is approximately 75 percent

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complete. The pump house has left the factory this morning and should be here late Thursday or early Friday morning of this week. He stated that the electrical contractor, B & B Electric are doing a great job. There are approximately 125 tradesmen working 6 days a week on the project. There continues to be a great deal of progress on the project and he is very impressed. The plan is to begin the pre-commissioning process on March 20.

6. **Marquette Energy Center Update:**

John Reynolds, the Project Consultant-Technical & Engineering Support gave an update on the project costs and what is still need to be paid.

7. **Community Solar Update – David Lynch:**

Assistant Director – Utility Operations, David Lynch stated that they are in the process of finalizing the contract for the Community Solar Garden, with the approximate cost of each panel being set for \$500.00. The panels will be numbered so each customer will have their own actual panel and he is planning on recommending a maximum of 30 panels per customer. He will be presenting his recommendations to the Board, at the next meeting.

- a. D. Lynch stated that a couple of weeks ago, the MBLP had a significant outage in the south Marquette area. Board Member Jerry Irby had asked what our procedures are when a power outage happens so he is here tonight to present this information to all the Board Members. In the MBLP's Emergency Action Plan, there are Power Outage Response Procedures. He then went into detail what the procedures are and how they executed. D. Lynch also reviewed the Mutual Aid procedures in which MBLP workers are dispatched to help other utilities when they have a significant power outage. Executive Director Paul Kitti stated that at the March 28 Board Meeting, he will have Operations Supervisor, Tom St. John and Shift Supervisor Dan McDougall give a presentation to the Board on our Emergency Preparedness Procedures.

8. **Public Comments:**

No public comments.

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

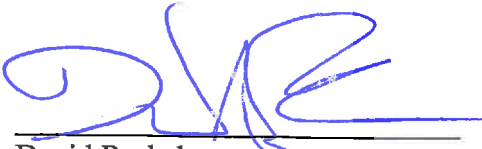
Executive Director, Paul Kitti stated that everyone is working really hard on the new plant and things are all coming together.

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

J. Irby stated that he and D. Puskala have met with Controller Helen LaFayette to plan a financial liaison meeting.

11. **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.



David Puskala  
Vice Chair/Secretary