

Marquette Board of Light and Power 06-27-2023 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 June 27th, 2023, beginning at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Present: John Prince, Chair
Edward Angeli, Vice Chair/Secretary
Margaret Brumm
Paul Schloegel

Absent: John Sonderegger

E. Angeli made a motion to excuse J. Sonderegger from the meeting, M. Brumm seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

M. Brumm made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. E. Angeli seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

1. **Approval of the May 23rd, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes**

M. Brumm made a motion to accept the May 23rd, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. E. Angeli seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

E. Angeli made a motion to approve the Bills Payable, as presented, totaling, \$1,388,604.33. P. Schloegel seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables.

3. **Public Comments:**

No public comment was made.

4a. **Recommendation to Purchase of #4 Substation LTC Controls Upgrade**

E. Angeli made a motion to approve the purchase of #4 substation transformer LTC engineering/design and onsite commissioning services from GRP Engineering in the amount of \$33,000.00. M. Brumm seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

4b. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of MEC Engine Cylinder Liners**

E. Angeli made a motion to approve the purchase of MEC engine cylinder liners from Wartsila in the amount of \$55,919.24. P. Schloegel seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

4c. **Recommendation to Approve MERS 457 Plan Change**

M. Brumm made a motion to approve the MERS 457 Plan Change to allow loan options to eligible employees. P. Schloegel seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

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- 4d. **Recommendation to Approve Resolution Authorizing Membership in West Michigan Health Insurance Pool**
M. Brumm made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing membership in West Michigan Health Insurance Pool. E. Angeli seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.
- 4e. **Recommendation to Approve PA-95 Recommendation**
E. Angeli made a motion to approve the recommendation to opt-out of PA-95. M. Brumm seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.
5. **Capital Projects**
- a. **Second Interconnection** – We are waiting for information back from Black & Veatch relating to contract language. Our substation transformer is on track for an on-time delivery, we can accept delivery earlier if we choose.
- b. **Other** – Nothing additional.
6. **Financial Discussion – Manager of Accounting, Tobias Smith:**
Manager of Accounting, Tobias Smith presented the Interim Operating Statement for the month ending May 31st, 2023, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five-Year History, and Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget.
7. **Public Comments:**
No public comment was made.
8. **Any Additional Business the Executive Director Wishes to Present:**
T. Carpenter informed the Board we plan to start utilizing “Public Surplus” as an auction site for items that we no longer need.
- Director of Distribution, T. Kopacz updated the Board on our joint pole attachment audit being conducted by Davey Resource Group. The audit is over 65% complete.
9. **Any Additional Business the Board Members Wish to Present:**
- M. Brumm** – Presented the Board with an announcement from the Mining Journal relating to the MBLP hydro permit, M. Brumm requested a short email notice when something relating to the MBLP is going to be in the paper. M. Brumm mentioned a State of Michigan Grant Program, relating to receiving free trees. This grant opportunity has passed, but she requested if another similar grant opportunity arises, that we discuss if it is something we would be able to do.
- E. Angeli** – Mentioned that he is excited to see the MBLP truck in the 4th of July parade again this year.

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P. Schloegel – Spoke on some of the topics of conversation that we mentioned at the City Strategic Planning meeting he attended recently.

J. Prince – Thanked Director of Human Resources, L. Hammill Stone for her work on the employee health plans. J. Prince spoke to a change in personnel, CFO, Mark Link will be leaving the MBLP and moving on to another opportunity in a few weeks; J. Prince appreciated all the work M. Link did for the organization and wished him well.

10. **Adjournment:**
The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.



Edward Angeli,
Vice Chair/Secretary