

Marquette Board of Light and Power 08-29-2023 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 August 29th, 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
Margaret Brumm
Paul Schloegel
John Sonderegger

Absent: Edward Angeli

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

M. Brumm made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. P. Schloegel seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

1. **Approval of the July 25th, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes**

M. Brumm made a motion to accept the July 25th, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. P. Schloegel seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

M. Brumm made a motion to approve the Bills Payable, as presented, totaling, \$2,034,203.45. P. Schloegel seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables.

3. **Public Comments:**

Jim Perko, 830 S Lake St

Jim spoke to the Board about the busy days on S. Lake St during the summer and he inquired with the Board about the possibility of opening the former Shiras site for additional parking for South Beach.

4a. **Recommendation to Purchase Kidney Loop Filtration System**

J. Sonderegger made a motion to approve the purchase of a kidney loop filtration system from RL Balconi in the amount of \$34,516.00. M. Brumm seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

4b. **Recommendation to Approve Engine #1 18k Hour Post Inspection Parts & Labor Change Order**

P. Schloegel made a motion to approve the MEC engine #1 18k hours post inspection parts & labor change order from Wartsila in the amount of \$103,127.23. M. Brumm seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

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- 4c. **Recommendation to Approve AMI Maintenance Agreement**
M. Brumm made a motion to approve the AMI maintenance agreement from Aclara Technologies in the amount of \$32,309.42. P. Schloegel seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.
- 4d. **Recommendation to Approve MERS Conference Delegates**
M. Brumm made a motion to approve the 2023 MERS employee & officer delegates. J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.
5. **Capital Projects**
- a. **Second Interconnection** – Nothing additional
- b. **Hydro #2 Controls Upgrade** – J. Hendrickson informed the Board that we are at the tail end of the upgrade. We have 2 GE engineers onsite this week checking everything and making sure that it is working properly. Will provide another update next meeting.
- c. **Other** – T. Carpenter shared with the Board the work we have been doing on the building signage. M. Zavislak reviewed the various options with the Board and discussion followed.
6. **Financial Discussion – Manager of Accounting, Tobias Smith:**
Manager of Accounting, Tobias Smith presented the Interim Operating Statement for the month ending July 31st, 2023, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five-Year History, and Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget.
7. **Public Comments:**
J. Prince spoke on behalf of a customer on Jenny Ln., relating to a slight increase in noise as of recently and asked if we have been doing anything differently. J. Prince asked staff to look into things and see if anything has changed. T. Carpenter will reach out to the customer.
8. **Any Additional Business the Executive Director Wishes to Present:**
Nothing additional
9. **Any Additional Business the Board Members Wish to Present:**
- M. Brumm** – Shared thoughts on the charter amendment language sent to the city after their last inquiry.
- J. Sonderegger** – Nothing additional

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P. Schloegel – Wanted to commend a MBLP employee and their family for their excellent participation in the Marquette County Fair and the recent 4-H auction, along with being a great role-model for their family.

J. Prince – Inquired about the process relating to the amendment changes that were submitted to the city and what that process looks like. T. Carpenter is planning on reaching out to better understand the process.

10. **Closed Session**

J. Prince moved that the Board go into closed session under Section 8(d) of the Open Meetings Act, “To consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease that real property is obtained.”

J. Sonderegger seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.

Yes: J. Prince, M. Brumm, J. Sonderegger, P. Schloegel

No: None

J. Price made a motion to come out of closed session. P. Schloegel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.

Yes: J. Prince, M. Brumm, J. Sonderegger, P. Schloegel

No: None

M. Brumm made a motion to authorize staff to move forward with the purchase of land for utility purposes. J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

10. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.



Edward Angeli,
Vice Chair/Secretary