

Marquette Board of Light and Power 09-26-2023 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 September 26th, 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
Edward Angeli

Absent: N/A

E. Angeli mentioned a letter to be added, item 5b - purchase of a Bucket Line Truck.
M. Brumm made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. E. Angeli seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

1. **Approval of the August 29th, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes & September 12th, 2023 Special Board Meeting.**

J. Sonderegger made a motion to accept the August 29th, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes and September 12th, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. M. Brumm seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

E. Angeli made a motion to approve the Bills Paid, \$ 4,597,229.04 and future cash commitments of \$ 1,315,641.71, as presented. P. Schloegel seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables.

3. **Public Comments:**

No public comment was made.

4. **Public Hearing – 2023-24 Budget**

E. Angeli made a motion to open the public hearing for the 2023/24 MBLP annual budget, P. Schloegel seconded the motion, the Board unanimously approved. Manager of Accounting, Tobias Smith, updated the Board on the changes from the previous budget session. Discussion followed; Chairman Price opened the floor to public comment, no public comment was made. The Board unanimously approved the 2023/24 MBLP Budget as presented. E. Angeli made a motion to close the public hearing, P. Schloegel seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

5a. **Recommendation to Purchase of Replacement Exhaust Bellows**

P. Schloegel made a motion to approve the purchase of replacement exhaust bellows from Wartsila in the amount of \$71,230.00. M. Brumm seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

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5b. **Recommendation to Purchase Bucket Truck**

P. Schloegel made a motion to approve the purchase of VST-6000 Bucket Truck from Custom Truck One in the amount of \$290,980.00. E. Angeli seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

6. **Capital Projects**

a. **Second Interconnection** – Substation transformer has been delivered, currently at the Shiras site right now. Engineering is ongoing for the project.

b. **Hydro #2 Controls Upgrade** – At the end of the upgrade, one hydro wheel will be spinning this week, and the second wheel should be spinning soon.

c. **Other** – Nothing additional

7. **Financial Discussion – Manager of Accounting, Tobias Smith:**

Manager of Accounting, Tobias Smith presented the Interim Operating Statement for the month ending August 31st, 2023, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five-Year History, and Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget.

8. **Public Comments:**

No public comment was made.

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

T. Carpenter informed the Board the Michigan Municipal Electric Association held their annual fall conference in Marquette last week. He also mentioned we provided a tour of the MEC to attendees of the conference.

T. Carpenter informed the Board of possible upcoming legislation relating to green energy and energy optimization that could affect us in the future.

T. Carpenter also mentioned we are going to be doing substation maintenance, there may be a slight interruption for some customers in usage tracking on the Smarthub customer portal.

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

M. Brumm – Spoke to the steps that employees of the MBLP take to control costs, even on the small things.

E. Angeli – Nothing additional

J. Sonderegger – Spoke to his experiences relating to solar and wind energy and locations that have fully adopted renewables, specifically abroad.

P. Schloegel – Nothing additional

J. Prince – Nothing additional

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11. **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."

E. Angeli seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted.

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

No: None

E. Angeli 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, E. Angeli

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.

12. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.



Edward Angeli,
Vice Chair/Secretary