

Marquette Board of Light and Power 12-19-2023 MINUTES

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A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on December 19th, 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, Vice Chair/Secretary
Dave Campana
John Sonderegger
Gerald Irby

Absent: None

T. Carpenter asked to add item 4d – PA 152 recommendation. J. Irby made a motion to amend the agenda; M. Brumm seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

1. **Approval of the November 28th, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes.**

J. Sonderegger made a motion to approve the November 28th, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. D. Campana seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

M. Brumm made a motion to approve the Bills Paid, \$ 2,653,969.75 and future cash commitments of \$ 2,896,997.96, as presented. J. Irby seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables.

3. **Public Comments:**

No additional comment.

4a. **Recommendation to Approve MEC Engine #2 Exhaust Bellows & Additional Parts Purchase**

J. Sonderegger made a motion to approve the purchase of MEC engine #2 exhaust bellows and additional parts from Wartsila in the amount of \$47,733.13. M. Brumm seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

4b. **Recommendation to Approve Change Order for 18k Hour PM**

J. Sonderegger made a motion to approve the change order for MEC engine #3 18k hour PM to a total of \$ 392,063.60. D. Campana seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

4c. **Recommendation to Approve Forestville & Tourist Park FERC Part 12D Inspection.**

D. Campana made a motion to approve the Forestville & Tourist Park FERC Part 12D safety inspections by Barr Engineering in the amount of \$100,000.00 J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

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4d. **Recommendation to Approve PA 152 Recommendation**

J. Irby made a motion to approve the recommendation to adopt the annual exemption from PA 152 for the benefit plan year of January 1st,2024 through December 31st,2024. M. Brumm seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

5. **Capital Projects**

- a. **Second Interconnection** – Ongoing land discussions. Discussion of project budget followed and T. Kopacz shared additional information relating to the timeline of the project.
- b. **Other** – Nothing additional

6. **Discussions**

- a. **Energy Legislation** – Ongoing discussion, T. Carpenter shared a letter with the Board that was written by the Upper Peninsula Collaborative Development Council to the Michigan Public Service Commission, outlining the regional concerns about the recently passed legislation, discussion followed.

M. Brumm made a motion to authorize staff to move forward with support for the letter drafted by the Upper Peninsula Collaborative Development Council. J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

T. Carpenter noted that we would continue to discuss different topics relating to energy legislation in meetings moving forward.

- b. **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 November 30th, 2023, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five-Year History, and Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget.

8. **Public Comments:**

No additional comment.

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

T. Carpenter introduced and provided background information on our new Director of Finance, Bill Toomey.

T. Carpenter shared information relating to the tie line outage we recently experienced due to ATC substation maintenance.

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T. Carpenter asked the Board to go into closed session to discuss the purchase of property.

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, D. Campana, J. Irby

No: None

M. Brumm made a motion to come out of closed session. J. Irby seconded the motion; A roll call vote was conducted.

Yes: J. Prince, M. Brumm, J. Sonderegger, D. Campana, J. Irby

No: None

J. Sonderegger made a motion to authorize staff to move forward with the execution of the property easement. J. Irby seconded the motion. Board vote: Yes: D. Campana, J. Irby, J. Prince, J. Sonderegger. Oppose: M. Brumm

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

M. Brumm – Very proud to be part of the MBLP; wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

J. Sonderegger – Appreciates the letter that was shared and will be going out, along with our future ability to share the message.


D. Campana – Congratulated Jerry on being back on the Board. He mentioned that people in the community are having conversations about the energy legislation and some of the possible impacts it could have. Wished everyone a happy and safe holiday.

J. Prince – Wish everyone a Merry Christmas & happy holiday. Spoke briefly regarding how the MBLP operates and the quality of talent we have working here.

J. Irby – Stated it is nice to be on the Board again and is looking forward to the future conversation we are going to have. Also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

13. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54p.m.


Margaret Brumm,
Vice Chair/Secretary