

Marquette Board of Light and Power 01-23-2024 MINUTES

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A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on January 23rd, 2024, 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

M. Brumm made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; D. Campana seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

1. **Approval of the December 19th, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes.**

J. Irby made a motion to approve the December 19th, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

J. Sonderegger made a motion to approve the Bills Paid, \$ 4,720,965.99 and future cash commitments of \$ 2,482,485.27, as presented. J. Irby seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables.

3. **Public Comments:**

Terry Derring – 530 E. Arch St

Terry presented a proposal on behalf of the Marquette Rowing Club; the presentation included background on the club, some of their challenges, an outline of their current operations, and a proposed re-use of a portion of the former Shiras property site. Their proposal included an outline of the above-mentioned information, along with a proposed site plan and temporary structure, the proposal also included an approximate cost and their current fundraising efforts. Questions from the Board and additional discussion followed.

Gail Brayden – 3114 Island Beach Rd

Charter member of Marquette Rowing Club, Gail shared some of their history, currently in their 20th year. Gail outlined the membership of the of the club and the numbers they expect moving forward. Gail noted that a lot of things could be put along the shoreline in that place, but their utilization is in direct need to be along the shoreline, the boats are 65ft long, 300lbs and the need to be close to the shore. She spoke to the current lease they have with the City of Marquette and noted they seem to believe it is a fair use of the property. Gail also spoke to how fortunate they have been regarding the lack of vandalism, but that the elements (sand, wind, sun) degrade the boats, which are quite costly. Gail also spoke to their schedule and how they believe it would have minimal impact on South beach parking due to the hours they row.

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Mike Potts – 205 Newberry

Mike spoke about the prevalence of storage facilities in other coastal towns and that Marquette is unique in the fact that we do not have any storage facilities. Mike inquired with other city managers from these towns and stated it was a good thing. Mike also spoke about the statements about parking and that the club is currently utilizes City parking and that it has not been an issue, this transition would also free up those spots. Mike also spoke to the number of people we had in town for the holidays (4th of July) and how many people were on the water with non-motorized crafts.

4a. **Recommendation to Approve the Purchase of MDR Services**

J. Irby made a motion to approve the purchase MDR services from CrowdStrike in the amount of \$115,487.39. D. Campana seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

4b. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Fuel Injector Refurbishment Parts & Services**

M. Brumm made a motion to approve the purchase of Fuel Injector Refurbishment Parts & Services from Wartsila in the amount of \$98,244.82. J. Irby seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

5. **Capital Projects**

- a. Second Interconnection – Currently working on the land acquisition, hoping to hear back from Alger Delta later this week to get everything signed.
- b. Other – Slight delay on the building signage, the timeline for installation is looking to be March.

6. **Discussions**

- a. Energy Legislation – T. Carpenter informed the Board there are no specific updates, but he is happy to field any questions Board members may have. M. Brumm presented all Board members with a book relating to Renewable Energy, M. Brumm also provided an additional book for the MBLP library.
- b. Other – Nothing additional

7. **Financial Discussion – Director of Finance, William Toomey:**

Director of Finance, William Toomey presented the Interim Operating Statement for the month ending December 31st, 2023, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five-Year History, Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget, and Summary of Investments.

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8. **Public Comments:**

Sally Davis – 1711 Grandview

Sally is a Charter member of the Rowing Club. She thanked the Board for the time they took to hear/discuss the Rowing Club's proposal. Sally outlined how the Rowing Club is a community club and that anyone can join and that they provide scholarships for those that may not normally have the funds to participate. Sally also thanked the Board for their insightful questions to the Rowing Club Board. Sally also spoke as Mayor briefly, thanking the Board for their service and complimenting J. Prince on how well he has been representing the Board during the more recent meetings relating to the new energy laws.

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

Nothing additional

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

M. Brumm – Provided the Board with a little more background on the book she provided, and she also thanked S. Davis for joining us tonight.

J. Sonderegger – Spoke to the Lake Superior bottom composition around the location the Rowing Club is proposing and that he is a lifelong rower/was a member of the Rowing Club many years ago. He stated that he liked the idea/concept, and it would be nice to see how it could work in an equitable way for the community.


D. Campana – Nothing additional

J. Irby – Inquired with T. Carpenter about what type of energy the grid is composed of (solar, wind, natural gas, etc.). T. Carpenter informed the Board of the MISO and EIA website that will show the energy makeup in real time coming from the grid; these sites are publicly available.

J. Prince – Thanked both S. Davis and the Rowing Club for joining the meeting tonight. J. Prince shared a few more thoughts on the similarities and differences between the organizations that currently utilize our land and how the Rowing Club may fit into that. He also briefly spoke to the energy legislation and how that conversation should be driven by facts and reliable information, and we should do our best to avoid the additional noise and speculation that is out there.

13. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03p.m.


Margaret Brumm,
Vice Chair/Secretary