

Marquette Board of Light and Power 02-27-2024 MINUTES

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A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on February 27th, 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

J, Irby made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; M. Brumm seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

1. **Approval of the January 23rd, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes.**

J. Sonderegger made a motion to approve the January 23rd, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. D. Campana seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

2. **Audit Presentation – Paul Nardi**

Paul Nardi from Andrews Hooper Pavlic PLC presented the 2023 audit report. P. Nardi stated that they issued an unmodified “clean” opinion regarding the audit. P. Nardi discussed different aspects of the audit, along with highlighting different aspects of the financials (Management Discussion & Analysis, Statement of Net Position, Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position, Statement of Cash Flow, and Require Supplementary information.)

J. Irby made a motion to accept the audit as presented, M. Brumm seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

3. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

M. Brumm made a motion to approve the Bills Paid, \$ 4,536,594.03 and future cash commitments of \$ 1,959,270.20, as presented. D. Campana seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables.

4. **Public Comments:**

Kelly Ryan – NMU Student, Legal Environment of Business Class
Emily Arteby – NMU Student, Legal Environment of Business Class
Charles Black - NMU Student, Legal Environment of Business Class
Charlie Vaughn - NMU Student, Legal Environment of Business Class
Samuel Seppin – NMU Student, Business Law Management
Wy Wargol – NMU Student, Legal Environment of Business Class
Jarelle Hurst – NMU Student, Legal Environment of Business Class
Dillon Waiting – NMU Student, Legal Environment of Business Class
Baily Reynolds – NMU Student, Legal Environment of Business Class

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- 5a. **Recommendation to Approve AMI System Assessment for Strategic Planning**
D. Campana made a motion to approve the purchase of an AMI system assessment from Power Systems Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$24,750.00. J. Irby seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.
- 5b. **Recommendation to Approve Termination of Reciprocal Utility Payments**
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.
- 5c. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Fleet Pickup Truck**
M. Brumm made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2024 GMC Sierra 2500 HD Pro from Marquette GMC in the amount of \$54,708.00. J. Irby seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.
- 5d. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Skylift Backyard Machine**
D. Campana made a motion to approve the purchase of Skylift MDS6000 from Custom Truck One in the amount of \$60,000. M. Brumm seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.
6. **Capital Projects**
- a. **Second Interconnection** – Easement with Alger-Delta has been signed and is being filed. T. Kopacz is working with Black & Veatch to finalize a plan for ordering materials for the line construction.
- b. **Other** – Nothing additional
7. **Discussions**
- a. **Energy Legislation** – M. Brumm shared some information from a local newspaper relating to the energy legislation that was passed, along with some information relating to the approval process of projects through the Michigan Public Service Commission. T. Carpenter shared a brief explanation of renewable energy credits and how they may relate to us in the future, discussion followed.
- b. **Other** – Nothing additional
8. **Financial Discussion – Director of Finance, William Toomey:**
Director of Finance, William Toomey presented the Interim Operating Statement for the month ending January 31st, 2024, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five-Year History, and Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget.

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9. **Public Comments:**

Nothing additional

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

T. Carpenter mentioned the Marquette Rowing Club, he noted there is more information that they need to gather before future discussion of viability can take place.

J. Irby made a general inquiry about the former Shiras property as it relates to our PILT payment and how other non-profits utilize our property.

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

J. Irby – Nothing additional

M. Brumm – Mentioned the renewable energy book that she shared with the Board members at the last meeting and that she has continued to share it with renewable energy groups that have reached out to her.

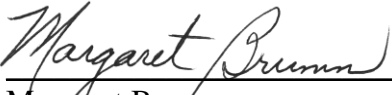
J. Sonderegger – Spoke to the knowledge he has gained relating to renewables in the last few months and the different models for transitioning away from fossil fuels (market approach vs mandate approach.) He mentioned the actions in the models are outside the scope of a Board member role, but often as a Board member, people in the community will inquire about these broader issues.

D. Campana – Spoke briefly to the inquiry J. Irby made earlier about the Shiras property; mentioned that the Rowing Club does currently pay rent on the property they occupy at the building and on the beach property.

J. Prince – Thanked T. Smith and B. Toomey for their work on the audit.

12. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22p.m.


Margaret Brumm,
Vice Chair/Secretary