

# Marquette Board of Light and Power 03-26-2024 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 March 26<sup>th</sup>, 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; D. Campana seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

1. **Approval of the February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes.**

J. Sonderegger made a motion to approve the February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. J. Irby seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

J. Irby made a motion to approve the Bills Paid, \$ 3,280,834.22 and future cash commitments of \$ 1,424,378.21, as presented. J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables.

3. **Public Comments:**

No public comment

4a. **Recommendation to Approve CT Fuel Tank Abrasive Blasting & Painting Services**

J. Irby made a motion to approve the purchase of CT Fuel Tank Blasting & Painting Services in the amount of \$162,201.60 from St. Germain Sandblasting. D. Campana seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

5. **Capital Projects**

- a. **Second Interconnection** – Bid packets from contractors should be arriving in the next month or two for various aspects next steps in the Second Interconnection project.
- b. **Other** – Nothing additional

6. **Discussions**

- a. **Energy Legislation** – A proposed bill is currently being discussed in Lansing similar to PA95; relating to energy assistance dollars that are collected per meter.

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b. Other – T. Carpenter gave a brief overview of the property the MBLP owns and the different uses for the different properties. T. Carpenter outlined a few properties in the general area of US41 & E. Hampton St. that the MBLP currently owns and may be looking to sell.

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

Director of Finance, William Toomey presented the Interim Operating Statement for the month ending February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five-Year History, and Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget.

9. **Public Comments:**

No public comment

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

T. Carpenter shared some information relating to an outage we had this morning. The outage we had in the morning was caused by a splice connector that failed, creating a fault that tripped the circuit off. This afternoon a second outage occurred near Target, a component at the top of the pole failed (possibly and insulator) that caused a small fire, leading to a small outage when repairs were being made.

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

J. Irby – Condolences to Laura on the recent passing of her father, Mr. Katers.

M. Brumm – Presented a comparison of grass seed coverage vs clover seed coverage for areas that need ground cover. M. Brumm also spoke to the City Commission meeting she attended and the comments that she heard relating to the possible undergrounding of utility lines on S. Lake St. T. Carpenter shared some background and history on the ongoing conversation relating to this topic, T. Carpenter also shared the process for a project such as the one that is being proposed.


J. Sonderegger – Supports the use of clover for beneficial ground cover.

D. Campana – Nothing additional

J. Prince – Spoke briefly to the S. Lake St. proposal and how the MBLP Engineering has communicated with the citizens proposing the project.

12. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47p.m.

  
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Margaret Brumm,  
Vice Chair/Secretary