

Marquette Board of Light and Power 07-23-2024 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 July 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
Jerry Irby
John Sonderegger

Absent: None

J. Hendrickson asked to add agenda item 4c.- Recommendation to Approve Partial Settlement Agreement

J. Irby made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, D. Campana seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

1. **Approval of the June 25th, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes.**

D. Campana made a motion to approve the June 25th, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. M. Brumm seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

J. Irby made a motion to approve the Bills Paid, \$ 6,919,944.35 and future cash commitments of \$ 1,924,161.02 as presented. M. Brumm seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables.

3. **Public Comments:**

Zach Young – 816 W. Kaye Ave

Spoke to the possible use of OneWheels on the NTN trail system. He outlined how OneWheels have benefited other trail systems and the positive economic impact they could have. Zach also shared some general information about OneWheels.

Doug Garrison – 418 W. Crescent

Shared that a retiree of the MBLP recently passed away, Ed Puska. Doug shared he had a chance to work with Ed while he was here and commented on the positive impact Ed had while he worked at the MBLP.

4a. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Second Interconnection Disconnect Switch**

M. Brumm made a motion to approve the purchase of second interconnection disconnect switches from SEECO in the amount of \$31,455.00. J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

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4b. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Second Interconnection Substation Steel Structures**

M. Brumm made a motion to approve the purchase of second interconnection substation steel structures from LaX Fabricating in the amount of \$25,950.00. D. Campana seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

4c. **Recommendation to Approve Partial Settlement Agreement**

M. Brumm made a motion to approve a partial settlement agreement for easement remediation work. J. Irby seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

5. **Capital Projects**

a. **Second Interconnection** – Still on track for fall of 2025, currently in easement acquisition activities. Substation construction is still scheduled for early spring of 2025 and vegetation management will begin once easements are secured.

b. **Other** – Nothing additional

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

Director of Finance, William Toomey presented the Interim Operating Statement for the month ending June 30th, 2024, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five-Year History, Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget, and Investments.

7. **Public Comments:**

No public comment

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

Nothing additional

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

J. Irby – Nothing additional

M. Brumm – Inquired if it would be prudent to charge for the additional parking we may be providing. Discussion followed and the consensus was that we would not be pursuing that concept.

J. Sonderegger – Spoke about the recent outage we had and appreciated the work that the crews do during those times.

D. Campana – Inquired about S. Lake St. parking. J. Hendrickson spoke about some of the changes we are working towards in order to add a few more spaces for South Beach. D. Campana also inquired if we've heard from any of the groups that inquired about the Shiras property. J. Hendrickson shared that we haven't heard from any of the groups recently and then shared some additional information relating to the Shiras site.

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J. Prince – Shared appreciation for the work that the line crews do to restore outages

10. **Closed Session**

J. Prince moved that the Board go into closed session under Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act, to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute, which is section 13(1)(y) of the Freedom of Information Act which exempts from public disclosure “records or information of measures designed to protect the security or safety of the municipal electric system and disclosure would impair the MBLP’s ability to protect the security or safety of the system. M. Brumm seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was conducted.

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

No: None


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

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

M. Brumm made a motion to approve the purchase of materials and services from Camera Corner Connecting Point in the amount of \$183,444.00, J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

11. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41p.m.



Margaret Brumm,
Vice Chair/Secretary