

Marquette Board of Light and Power 08-27-2024 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 August 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
Jerry Irby
John Sonderegger

Absent: None

T. Carpenter asked to remove item 10 – Closed Session, as it was a typo from the prior month’s agenda.

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

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

J. Irby made a motion to approve the July 23rd, 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, \$ 3,329,212.99 and future cash commitments of \$ 1,930,040.35 as presented. M. Brumm seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables.

3. **Public Comments:**

Andrew Tonka – 2005 Jenny Ln.

Commented that the noise from the plant is still a problem at his house on Jenny Ln.

Andrew played an audio clip from his backyard ring camera highlighting the sound he is hearing.

4a. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Substation Maintenance Services**

J. Irby made a motion to approve the purchase of substation maintenance services from Electric Power Systems in the amount of \$30,475.00. M. Brumm seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

4b. **Recommendation to Approve MERS Conference Delegates**

D. Campana made a motion to approve the 2024 MERS Annual Conference delegates, M. Brumm seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

4c. **Recommendation to Approve 69kV Transformer Order Change**

M. Brumm made a motion to approve a 69kV Transformer change order from Hyundai Electric America in the amount of \$29,349.00. J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

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- 4d. **Recommendation to Approve Second Interconnection Pole Design Change Order**
M. Brumm made a motion to approve the Second Interconnection Pole Design Change Order for \$20,000 from Valmont. D. Campana seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.
5. **Capital Projects**
- a. **Second Interconnection** – Ongoing easement acquisition activities, RFP are being prepared for tie-line construction work and substation work. Once those are sent out to the contractors the responses will be evaluated.
- 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 July 31st, 2024, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five-Year History, Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget, and Investments.
7. **Public Comments:**
Andrew Tonka – 2005 Jenny Ln.
Commented on the noise from the MEC plant and some possible solutions.
8. **Any Additional Business the Executive Director Wishes to Present:**
The undergrounding of the lines on S. Lake St. is starting soon and will most likely continue until the beginning of next season, where some of the lines will be moved towards the highway. T. Carpenter also spoke to the conversations that he has been having with MCSWMA relating to the possible re-use of materials from our Pine Hill site and that the number they are proposing for disposal is still not an economical number for us, but we are continuing to pursue other options for disposal/re-use. T. Carpenter also mentioned that he was approached by the DNR about possibly utilizing the Shiras dock to dock a few of their vessels.
9. **Any Additional Business the Board Members Wish to Present:**
- J. Irby** – Commented that it would be good to see the use of the Shiras docks and inquired briefly on if any additional security precautions would be necessary. J. Irby stated that Mr. Tonka’s concerns have been heard by him.
- M. Brumm** – Mentioned that she had spoken with Mr. Tonka a few weeks prior but was not able to collect his contact information, she was glad to see him at the meeting and hoped that we could find a resolution to his concerns. She asked Mr. Tonka to keep a log/track when he noticed an increase in the noise. M. Brumm mentioned an article in the newspaper relating to additional parking for S. Beach that we have provided and asked for a possible heads up when we know something is going to be in the paper.


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J. Sonderegger – Inquired about the status of noise mitigation/abatement. T. Carpenter noted that at this time all work has been concluded and that we have met/exceeded the requirements for noise mitigation.

D. Campana – Nothing additional

J. Prince – Noted that Mr. Tonka’s concerns are something we take seriously, along with the noise mitigation, he is not sure what a solution could be and if there is a solution, but that we will investigate his concerns and see if there is anything that can be done. J. Prince expanded on T. Carpenter’s comments relating to Pine Hill.

10. **Adjournment:**
The meeting was adjourned at 5:31p.m.


Margaret Brumm,
Vice Chair/Secretary