

Marquette Board of Light and Power 09-24-2024 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 September 24th, 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

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

1. **Approval of the August 27th, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes and September 10th, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes.**

J. Irby made a motion to approve the August 27th, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes and September 10th, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. M. Brumm seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

D. Campana made a motion to approve the Bills Paid, \$ 3,444,281.70 and future cash commitments of \$ 1,560,380.71 as presented. M. Brumm seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables.

3. **Public Comments:**

Audrey Dubala – 221 Seymour
NMU Student to observe.

Ashley Trapinon – 221 Seymour
NMU Student to observe.

Julia Hanselman – On Campus
NMU Student to observe.

Chloe Greenscraft – 445 Spring St
NMU Student to observe.

Peter Laata – On Campus
NMU Student to observe.

Justin Love – On Campus
NMU Student to observe.

4. **Public Hearing – 2024-25 Budget**

M. Brumm made a motion to open the public hearing for the 2024/25 MBLP annual budget, J. Irby seconded the motion, a roll call vote was held:

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

No: None

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Director of Finance, William Toomey, updated the Board on the changes from the previous budget session. Discussion followed; Chairman Price opened the floor to public comment, no public comment was made. The Board unanimously approved the 2024/25 MBLP Budget as presented. J. Irby made a motion to close the public hearing, M. Brumm seconded the motion and roll call vote was held to close the public hearing:
Yes: J. Prince, D. Campana, M. Brumm, J. Irby, J. Sonderegger
No: None

5a. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Replacement of Electric Meters**

J. Sonderegger made a motion to approve the purchase of replacement electric meters from Resco in the amount of \$61,699.48. M. Brumm seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

5b. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Wood Transmission Poles**

M. Brumm made a motion to approve the purchase of wood transmission poles from Bell Lumber & Pole Company in the amount of \$658,720.00, D. Campana seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

5c. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Miscellaneous Materials for Second Interconnection**

M. Brumm made a motion to approve the purchase of miscellaneous materials for the second interconnection from Borer States in the amount of \$436,200.16. D. Campana seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

6. **Capital Projects**

a. **Second Interconnection** – After approval of the wood pole order and miscellaneous supplies, the next things we will be looking at are substation construction contracting and construction of the second tie line. Director of Distribution T. Kopacz shared some information relating to the substation transformer that is currently being stored on the Shiras property.

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 August 31st, 2024, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five-Year History, and Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget.

8. **Public Comments:**

Nate Bomer – 2005 Huntington St

Noted that he is on the ballot for a MBLP Board seat this upcoming election; he is part of the Marquette County Fire Department, he is a librarian at the prison, and he teaches motorcycles at NMU. He has attended the last few MBLP Board meetings to listen and introduce himself.

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

Nothing additional

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

J. Irby – Nothing additional

M. Brumm – Apologized to M. Zavislak relating to an email sent to the Board about a newspaper posting for the Budget Hearing. M. Brumm also spoke to the possible re-use of 4 plant. M. Brumm also mentioned we should put a posting/press release together relating to the passing of our budget.

J. Sonderegger – Inquired about a very short loss of power at his house (a few seconds), discussion followed relating to how our system reacts to faults and how it protects itself from damage.

D. Campana – Happy to see we passed a good budget today and is also happy to see the students in the room today.

J. Prince – Spoke briefly to M. Brumm’s comments relating to the re-use of MBLP buildings that we may not use again.

11. **Closed Session**

J. prince moved that the Board go into closed session under Section 8(d) of the Open Meetings Act, to consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease that real property is obtained. A roll call vote was held:

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

No: None

J. Irby made a motion to conclude the closed session, M. Brumm seconded the motion, a vote was held:


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

No: None

M. Burmm made a motion to authorize payment of \$22,325.00 relating to easements for the second interconnection project, J. Sonderegger seconded the motion, the Board unanimously approved.

12. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.


Margaret Brumm,
Vice Chair/Secretary