

Marquette Board of Light and Power 12-17-2024 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 December 17th, 2024, beginning at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Present: Dave Campana, Chairperson
Jerry Irby, Vice Chair/Secretary
Margaret Brumm
John Sonderegger
Rick Holmes

Absent: None

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

1. **Approval of the November 19th, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes**

J. Irby made a motion to approve the November 19th, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. M. Brumm seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

M. Brumm made a motion to approve the bills paid, \$ 2,895,486.91 and future cash commitments of \$ 2,435,237.40 as presented. J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables.

3. **Public Comments:**

Peter Zenti – Thanked the Board of the privilege of expressing his gratitude to the MBLP for the support and the ability to utilize MBLP property for the NTN trail system. Peter provided some history of the trail system and shared some stories of the support the MBLP has provided over the last decade.

4a. **Recommendation to Approve FR PPE Laundering Contract**

J. Irby made a motion to approve the FR PPE Laundering Contract from UniFirst, M. Brumm seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

4b. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Digger Derrick Line Truck**

M. Brumm made a motion to approve the purchase of a new digger derrick truck from Custom Truck One in the amount of \$277,803.00, R. Holmes seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

4c. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of #5 Sub Replacement Transformer**

R. Holmes made a motion to approve the purchase of #5 Sub replacement transformer from Virginia Transformer in the amount of \$1,844,899.00, J. Irby seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

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- 4d. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Field Reclosers**
J. Irby made a motion to approve the purchase of replacement field reclosers from Midwest Electrical Systems in the amount of \$60,154.00, J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.
- 4e. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of 15kV Breaker**
M. Brumm made a motion to approve the purchase of a 15kV Breaker from Wesco (ABB Breaker) in the amount of \$47,957.00, J. Irby seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.
- 4f. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of 69 kV Breaker**
J. Sonderegger made a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) 67kV Breakers from GE Grid Solutions in the amount of \$220,800.00, R. Holmes seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.
- 4g. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of MEC Prelube Pump & Rebuild Parts**
J. Irby made a motion to approve the purchase of MEC prelube pump & rebuild parts from Wartsila in the amount of \$29,454.24, M. Brumm seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.
- 4h. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Main Lube Oil Pump**
R. Holmes made a motion to approve the purchase of a main lube oil pump from Wartsila in the amount of \$38,218.00, J. Irby seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.
- 4i. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of USGS Stream Gauging Agreement**
J. Irby made a motion to approve the USGS stream gauging joint funding agreement in the amount of \$73,000.00, R. Holmes seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.
- 4j. **Recommendation to Approve PA 152 Waiver**
J. Irby made a motion to approve the PA 152 waiver, J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.
5. **Capital Projects**
- a. **Second Interconnection** – Ongoing easement acquisition; we have received bids back for both the interconnection line construction & the substation work for the interconnection. Those bids are currently being evaluated in preparation for a recommendation to the Board.
- b. **Other** – Nothing additional

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6. **Financial Discussion – Director of Finance, William Toomey:**
Director of Finance, William Toomey presented the Interim Operating Statement for the month ending November 30th, 2024, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five-Year History, and Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget.
7. **Public Comments:**
No public comment
8. **Any Additional Business the Executive Director Wishes to Present:**
T. Carpenter mentioned an outage we had in the previous week due to a downed line.
9. **Any Additional Business the Board Members Wish to Present:**

J. Irby –

M. Brumm – Welcomed new board member, R. Holmes. M. Brumm shared a few renewable energy books with him. M. Brumm is planning on attending an upcoming conference relating to energy systems in the State of Michigan. M. Brumm also commented on the recently released UP Energy Report, discussion followed.

J. Sonderegger – Wanted to echo some of the comments that Peter Zenti made, along with recognizing the amount of work that Peter has put into the trail system. J. Sonderegger provided some insight to the trails and asked, if you haven't made it out on the trail system yet, please do so, because it is an incredible thing we have in the community, and it is right here in the city.

D. Campana – Echoed R. Holmes comments relating to the Board packet.

R. Holmes – Complimented everyone on the Board Packet, it is concise and easy to follow/understand, thanked everyone again.
10. **Closed Session**

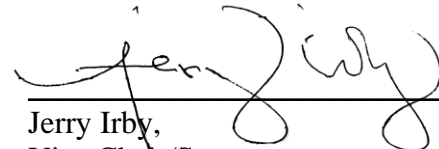
D. Campana moved the Board go into closed session under Section 8(d) of the Open Meetings Act, to consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease that real property is obtained. J. Irby seconded the motion A roll call vote was held:
Yes: D. Campana, M. Brumm, J. Irby, J. Sonderegger, R. Holmes
No: None

D. Campana made a motion to conclude the closed session, J. Irby seconded the motion, a vote was held:
Yes: D. Campana, M. Brumm, J. Irby, J. Sonderegger, R. Holmes
No: None

J. Sonderegger made a motion to authorize payment of \$19,450.00 relating to easements for the second interconnection project, J. Irby seconded the motion, the Board unanimously approved.

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15. **Adjournment:**
The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.



Jerry Irby,
Vice Chair/Secretary