

# Marquette Board of Light and Power 01-28-2025 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 January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 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  
Margaret Brumm  
John Sonderegger  
Rick Holmes

Absent: Jerry Irby, Vice Chair/Secretary

M. Brumm made a motion to excuse J. Irby from today's meeting. J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

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

1. **Approval of the December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes**

R. Holmes made a motion to approve the December 17<sup>th</sup>, 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, \$ 6,515,122.53 and future cash commitments of \$ 1,385,737.85 as presented. J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables.

3. **Public Comments:**

No public comment

4. **MI DNR Vessel Dock/Storage Discussion**

T. Carpenter provided an overview of the topic of discussion and a brief history on the discussions relating to the Shiras site. Ed Baker from the Michigan DNR expanded on the history of the DNR vessels in Marquette, the research vessel the "Lake Char", along with their enforcement vessel, which is currently docked in Marquette's Upper Harbor.

E. Baker outlined the current issues and concerns he has relating to the current docking situation of the Lake Char, along with concerns with their current winter storage and the lack of accessibility to do repairs in the winter. The DNR's hope would be to construct a dock/winter storage/repair facility in the Northwest corner of the Shiras Site, a similar location to where the Ash Pond used to be. Discussion followed, with Board members sharing their thoughts and also concerns about the concept.

M. Brumm made a motion that we are notionally open to continuing the discussion about the possibility of a MI-DNR dock & boat storage facility. R Holmes seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-1 in favor of the motion

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- 5a. **Recommendation to Approve MEC Generator Alignment Change**  
M. Brumm made a motion to approve the MEC Generator Alignment Change from MAN Engineering Services in the amount of \$25,085.81. J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.
- 5b. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Replacement Reel Trailer**  
R. Holmes made a motion to approve the purchase of replacement reel trailer from Sauber Manufacturing in the amount of \$32,869.00, M. Brumm seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.
- 5c. **Recommendation to Approve Second Interconnection Substation Contract Work**  
M. Brumm made a motion to approve the Second Interconnection Substation contract work from MJ Electric in the amount of \$1,793,570.92, R. Holmes seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.
- 5d. **Recommendation to Approve Cost of Service Study, Financial Projection, & Rate Design Analysis**  
J. Sonderegger made a motion to approve the cost-of-service study, financial projections, & rate design analysis from Utility Financial Solutions in the amount of \$49,500.00, R. Holmes seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.
6. **PA 235 Discussion**  
T. Carpenter gave an overview of PA 235 and how it affects us. PA 235 is a State of Michigan Act that requires a utility to meet certain renewable energy thresholds by certain milestone dates. The options to accomplish these goals range from purchasing Renewable Energy Credits (RECS) on the open market to creating or buying into new renewable energy projects being constructed. As the timeline moves forward certain options to meet these goals begin to phase out and a narrower set of choices will be left for compliance with the law.  
  
M. Brumm made a motion to approve submitting a plan proposed by the MPPA to comply with PA 235, J. Sonderegger seconded the motion, the Board unanimously approved.
- 6a. **Renewable Energy Credit (REC) Proposal**  
M. Brumm made a motion to approve the Power Purchase Commitment Authorization for Renewable Energy Credits (REC) with a financial commitment not to exceed \$372,093.75. R. Holmes seconded the motion, and after discussion the Board voted 3-1 in favor of the purchase proposal.
7. **Capital Projects**  
a. **Second Interconnection** – Ongoing easement discussions, the substation construction contract was just approved earlier this meeting. We may call a special meeting for the approval of the Second Interconnection line construction contract.

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b. Other – Nothing additional

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

Director of Finance, William Toomey presented the Interim Operating Statement for the month ending December 31<sup>st</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:**

Mentioned we may have a resolution of support for Michigan house bill 4007 of 2025 at the next meeting.

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

M. Brumm – Shared a story of a friend whose power company was doing line maintenance overnight which required her power to be turned off, M. Brumm inquired as to what our process is and if we ever do anything similar. T. Carpenter explained that our system is built out in such a way that there are redundancies where the majority of line maintenance we do we would not have to de-energize a customer for an extended period unless it was an emergency situation.

J. Sonderegger – Asked about receiving additional information relating to the Renewable Energy Credits. Also shared his hesitation with the MI-DNR proposal that was presented at today's meeting.

D. Campana – Inquired about reaching out to Karl Bohnek for a visit to the MBLP.

R. Holmes – Nothing additional

12. **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. Sonderegger seconded the motion, a roll call vote was held:

*Yes: D. Campana, M. Brumm, J. Sonderegger, R. Holmes*

*No: None*

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


*Yes: D. Campana, M. Brumm, J. Sonderegger, R. Holmes*

*No: None*

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M. Brumm made a motion to authorize payment of \$25,658.00 relating to easements for the second interconnection project, J. Sonderegger seconded the motion, the Board unanimously approved.

15. **Adjournment:**  
The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

  
Jerry Irby,  
Vice Chair/Secretary