

Marquette Board of Light and Power 03-26-2025 MINUTES

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A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on March 26th, 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
Jerry Irby, Vice Chair/Secretary
Margaret Brumm
Rick Holmes

Absent: John Sonderegger

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

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

1. **Approval of the February 25th, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes**

M. Brumm made a motion to approve the February 25th, 2025, regular meeting minutes as presented. J. Irby seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

J. Irby made a motion to approve the bills paid, \$ 3,242,060.50 and future cash commitments of \$ 1,957,454.22 as presented. R. Holmes seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables.

3. **Public Comments:**

No public comment

4. **PA 95 Recommendation**

Director of Finance, B. Toomey presented an overview of the history and recent changes to Michigan Public Act 95. PA 95 created a Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund that is administered by the state of Michigan. Historically the MBLP has opted out of the program in favor of administering its own program, "Generating Change". B. Toomey explained to the Board that the recent changes with the legislation; these changes adjusted factors that it may now be more advantageous to our customers and less risk to the utility if we opt-in to the state program.

J. Irby made a motion to opt-in to the Michigan Public Act 95 Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund. R. Holmes seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.

5a. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Replacement Fleet Vehicle Policy**

J. Irby made a motion to approve the Replacement Fleet Vehicle Purchase Policy, R. Holmes seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved. M. Brumm asked that we add a purpose statement to the beginning of the policy.

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5b. **Recommendation to Approve Second Interconnection ROW Clearing**

J. Irby made a motion to approve the Second Interconnection ROW clearing from Bugle Contracting in the amount of \$152,550.00, R. Holmes seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.

5c. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Second Interconnection Misc. Parts**

R. Holmes made a motion to approve the purchase of Miscellaneous Parts for the Second Interconnection from Power Line Supply for \$177,226.90 and Border States Electric for \$21,045.76 for the total amount of \$198,272.66, M. Brumm seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.

6. **PA 235 Discussion**

T. Carpenter shared updates relating to PA 235. He shared with the Board that he recently made a trip down to Lansing to testify in support of Dave Prestin's & Karl Bohnak's House Bills (4283 & 4007) which, if passed, would allow the MEC units to continue running to their end of anticipated life.

7. **Capital Projects**

a. **Second Interconnection**- Clearing has begun, we are working on securing the final easements & permits. Our anticipation is Hooper, the contractor that is constructing the line, will begin to mobilize soon and construction will begin.

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 February 28th, 2025, 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:**

T. Carpenter mentioned while he was down in Lansing he was able to connect with Karl Bohnak about a tour of the MBLP facilities in the next few weeks.

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

M. Brumm – Mentioned she and D. Campana attended a presentation by EGLE about the zoning of large-scale renewable projects in the State of Michigan. M. Brumm also spoke briefly on small-scale commercial wind generation projects in different countries. M. Brumm also appreciated the weather-related posts prior to the most recent weather event.

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D. Campana – Appreciated M. Brumm making the effort to go to these presentations (EGLE), a slight discussion of topics covered followed.

R. Holmes – Nothing additional

J. Irby – Inquired about the recent aggression across the country towards EV charging stations (Tesla specifically) and asked if the utility has any exposure if someone were to vandalize the EV charging stations in Marquette. T. Carpenter mentioned there are a few in town but the only Tesla station is up by Meijer and that the utility supplies power to it but does not have any other liability associated with it.

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. Irby seconded the motion, a roll call vote was held:

Yes: D. Campana, M. Brumm, R. Holmes, J. Irby

No: None

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

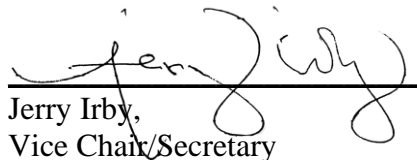
Yes: D. Campana, M. Brumm, R. Holmes, J. Irby

No: None

M. Brumm made a motion to authorize payment of \$29,984.00 relating to easements for the second interconnection project, R. Holmes seconded the motion, the Board unanimously approved.

15. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.


Jerry Irby,
Vice Chair/Secretary