

Marquette Board of Light and Power 04-22-2025 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 April 22nd, 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
John Sonderegger
Rick Holmes

Absent: None

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

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

J. Irby made a motion to approve the March 25th, 2025, regular meeting minutes as presented. R. Holmes seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

M. Brumm made a motion to approve the bills paid, \$ 3,404,648.37 and future cash commitments of \$ 2,264,162.69 as presented. J. Irby seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables.

3. **Public Comments:**

No public comment

4. **MERS Resolution Recommendation:**

J. Irby made a motion to approve the MERS addendum to close division 110035 and remove it from MBLP's group plan, J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

5. **MBLP's Generating Change Program/PA 95 Recommendation**

J. Irby made a motion to approve the discontinuation the Generating Change Program. R. Holmes seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.

6a. **Recommendation to Approve Revised Vehicle Purchase Policy**

M. Brumm made a motion to approve the Revised replacement fleet vehicle purchase policy, R. Holmes seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.

6b. **Recommendation to Approve Tourist Park Penstock Painting Services**

J. Irby made a motion to approve the Tourist Park penstock painting services from St Germain Sandblasting in the amount of \$116,195.33, M. Brumm seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.

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- 6c. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase CT Generator Painting Services**
J. Irby made a motion to approve the purchase of CT Generator Painting Services from St Germain Sandblasting in the amount of \$127,180.80, J. Sonderegger seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.
- 6d. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase MEC Engine 24k Hour PM Parts**
J. Irby made a motion to approve the purchase of MEC engine 24k hour PM parts from Wartsila in the amount of \$ 839,420.21, R. Holmes seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.
- 6e. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Circuit 52 Line Construction Services**
R. Holmes made a motion to approve the purchase of Circuit-52 line construction services from MJ Electric in the amount of \$69,500.00, M. Brumm seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.
- 6f. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Wetland Permit Credits**
J. Irby made a motion to approve the purchase of wetland permit credits from Niswander Group in the amount of 160,950.00, J. Sonderegger seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.
7. **Capital Projects**
- a. **Second Interconnection** – Materials are being staged, most of the brushing has been completed. Construction of the foundations for some of the larger poles should be starting at the beginning of May. Wood poles & other miscellaneous materials are arriving at our lay down yard on CR 480.
- 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 March 31st, 2025, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five-Year History, Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget, and Investments.
9. **Public Comments:**
No public comment

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

T. Carpenter mentioned we are still talking with FA Industrial about the usage of the Shiras Dock for the loading of bulk materials.

T. Carpenter also mentioned current legislation proposed by Representative Bohnak and Prestin that is going to be voted on by the Michigan House of Representatives.

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

M. Brumm – Was able to attend a tour of our facilities with Representative Bohnak, D. Campana, & T. Carpenter. Mentioned she was happy to see that Representative Bohnak was at our facility after only being in office for a short time.

D. Campana – Enjoyed the tour with Representative Bohnak, appreciated seeing the MEC engines from startup to running under load.

R. Holmes – Appreciated and thanked staff for the clarity and conciseness of the Board information packet at each one of these meetings.

J. Irby – Mentioned it would be nice if we were able to do small presentation with the Salvation Army due to the conclusion of the Generating Change Program.

J. Sonderegger- Thanked the Board for excusing his absence from the previous Board Meeting.

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, J. Sonderegger

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, J. Sonderegger

No: None

M. Brumm made a motion to authorize payment of \$71,193.00 relating to easements for the second interconnection project, J. Irby seconded the motion, the Board unanimously approved.

15. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.


Jerry Irby,
Vice Chair/Secretary