

Marquette Board of Light and Power 06-24-2025 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 June 24th, 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 the meeting, J. Sonderegger seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved

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

1. **Approval of the May 20th, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes**

J. Sonderegger made a motion to approve the May 20nd, 2025, regular meeting minutes as presented. R. Holmes seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

R. Holmes made a motion to approve the bills paid, \$ 12,114,867.55 and future cash commitments of \$ 3,824,045.43 as presented. J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables.

3. **Public Comments:**

No public comment

4a. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of 2025 Annual Substation Maintenance Services**

J. Sonderegger made a motion to approve the purchase of 2025 annual substation maintenance services from Premier Power Maintenance in the amount of \$38,257.18, R. Holmes seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.

4b. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of MEC Air Compressor Preventative Maintenance Services**

M. Brumm made a motion to approve the purchase of MEC air compressor preventative maintenance services from the OEM supplier Atlas Copco in the amount of \$40,709.70, R. Holmes seconded the motion, the Board inquired and noted that Atlas Copco is the OEM and the Sole provider of these services for the equipment and as such, alternative bids were not able to be collected, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.

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5. **Recommendation to Approve Final Settlement Agreement**
J. Sonderegger made a motion to approve the Final Settlement Agreement for easement remediation work, M. Brumm seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.
6. **Capital Projects**
 - a. Second Interconnection – First poles for the project have been put in the ground. Things are moving forward; wetland permits have been received. Happy to see this project moving forward after being discussed for 30+ years.
 - b. Other – Nothing additional
7. **Energy Waste Reduction (EWR) Discussion:**
T. Carpenter shared background on the different forms the EWR program has taken over the years and the initial legislation that created the programs. Starting in 2026 the MBLP is once again required to meet a pre-determined energy waste reduction percentage. T. Carpenter discussed the different avenues that the MBLP could choose to meet these requirements. Discussion followed and more information will be coming to the Board in the upcoming months.
8. **Financial Discussion – Director of Finance, William Toomey:**
Director of Finance, William Toomey presented the Interim Operating Statement for the month ending May 31st, 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 outlined a new paperless initiative the MBLP is going to be working on. Manager of Metering and Customer Service, Pat Havel presented the reasons behind the initiative and how the MBLP plans to accomplish these goals. The initiative will start the beginning of July.
11. **Any Additional Business the Board Members Wish to Present:**
M. Brumm – Informed & shared with the Board an upcoming webinar that focuses on overhead utility lines and wildfire prevention.
D. Campana – Mentioned the current legislation presented by Representative Prestin & Bohnak that would allow the RICE engines in the UP to continue to operate until their end of life. A brief discussion followed.
R. Holmes – Nothing additional
J. Sonderegger- Nothing additional

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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, R. Holmes, J. Sonderegger

No: None

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

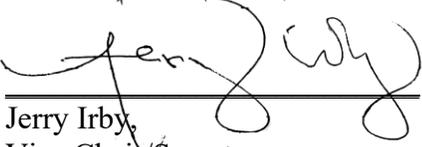
Yes: D. Campana, M. Brumm, R. Holmes, J. Sonderegger

No: None

R. Holmes made a motion to authorize payment of \$11,650.00 relating to easements for the second interconnection project, J. Sonderegger seconded the motion, the Board unanimously approved.

10. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:56p.m.



Jerry Irby,
Vice Chair/Secretary