

Marquette Board of Light and Power 07-22-2025 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 July 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

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

1. **Approval of the June 24th, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes**

M. Brumm made a motion to approve the June 24th, 2025, regular meeting minutes as presented. J. Sonderegger seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

J. Irby made a motion to approve the bills paid, \$ 4,196,104.06 and future cash commitments of \$ 4,450,842.78 as presented. R. Holmes 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. Irby made a motion to approve the purchase of 2025 annual substation maintenance services from Electric Power Systems in the amount of \$ 47,250.00, M. Brumm seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.

4b. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of 2nd Interconnection Transformer Transport**

R. Holmes made a motion to approve the purchase of 2nd Interconnection Transformer Transport from VIC's Crane & Heavy Haul in the amount of \$69,480.00, M. Brumm seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.

4c. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of 2nd Interconnection Transformer Dis-Assembly/Re-Assembly**

J. Irby made a motion to approve the purchase of 2nd interconnection transformer Dis-Assembly/Re-Assembly from Electric Power Systems in the amount of \$149,575.00, R. Holmes seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.

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4d. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of 2nd Interconnection Transformer Testing & Assembly Supervision**

R. Holmes made a motion to approve the purchase of 2nd interconnection transformer testing & assembly supervision from Hyundai Electric America Corp. in the amount of \$58,300.00, M. Brumm seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.

4e. **Recommendation to Approve the 2025 MERS Annual Meeting Delegates**

J. Irby made a motion to approve the 2025 MERS Annual Meeting Delegates, J. Sonderegger seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.

5. **Capital Projects**

a. **Second Interconnection** – Director of Distribution, Tim Kopacz updated the Board on the progress of the project. More than half of the structures are currently in place; wood poles are continuing to be placed. Steel poles needing a concrete footing are moving forward, one of the largest footings is nearing completion. Substation work & the pad for the substation transformer is currently being worked on to allow for the transformer to be moved in the first few weeks of August.

b. **Other** – Nothing additional

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

Director of Finance, William Toomey presented the Interim Operating Statement for the month ending June 30th, 2025, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five-Year History, Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget, and Summary of Investments.

7. **Public Comments:**

No public comment

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

Nothing additional

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

M. Brumm – Appreciated the update to the 2nd interconnection information on the website and inquired about additional advertising relating to the 2nd interconnection project.

D. Campana – Impressed at the pace the Second Interconnection is moving along. Noted that he has driven by there multiple times and he is always seeing great progress being made.

R. Holmes – Thanked the staff for the great work they do.

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J. Sonderegger- Mentioned a transformer that failed near his house and inquired as to what may have happened. T. Kopacz provided an overview of different scenarios that could cause the failure.

J. Irby – Thanked the staff for all the information/expertise provided during the meeting in Tom’s absence.

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, J. Irby, 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:

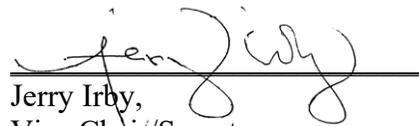
Yes: D. Campana, J. Irby, M. Brumm, R. Holmes, J. Sonderegger

No: None

R. Holmes made a motion to authorize payment of \$18,758.00 relating to easements for the second interconnection project, J. Sonderegger seconded the motion, the Board unanimously approved.

11. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.


Jerry Irby,
Vice Chair/Secretary