

# Marquette Board of Light and Power 08-26-2025 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 August 26<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  
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 requested an addition to the agenda, item 5d – Recommendation to approve Energy Waste Reduction (EWR) Services Contract . M. Brumm made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, J. Irby seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved.

1. **Approval of the July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes**

R. Holmes made a motion to approve the July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, regular meeting minutes as presented. J. Irby seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

M. Brumm made a motion to approve the bills paid, \$ 6,195,072.25 and future cash commitments of \$ 1,959,294.55 as presented. R. Holmes seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables.

3. **Public Comments:**

No public comment

4. **Pickleball Court Discussion**

Scott Sampeer and fellow members from the Superiorland Pickleball Club presented background information on the sport of pickleball along with additional information relating to the growth and demographics of the sport. It is the goal of the Superiorland Pickleball Club to work with local government to acquire land to build 12 dedicated pickleball courts for public use. Discussion followed. No action was taken.

5a. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Underground Contractor Services**

R. Holmes made a motion to approve the purchase of underground contractor services from Northern Utility in the amount of \$ 37,320.00, J. Irby seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.

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5b. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of 12.5kV Circuit Breaker Replacement Services**

J. Irby made a motion to approve the purchase of 12.5kV Circuit Breaker replacement services from Electric Power Systems in the amount of \$36,500.00, M. Brumm seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.

5c. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Overhead Line Brushing Services**

R. Holmes made a motion to approve the purchase of Overhead Line Brushing Services from Bugle Contracting in the amount of \$767,253.00, J. Irby seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.

5d. **Recommendation to Approve Energy Waste Reduction (EWR) Services Contract**

J. Irby made a motion to approve the purchase of Energy Waste Reduction Services from Solutions for Energy Efficient Logistics (SEEL) in the amount of \$1,428,035.00, R. Holmes seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.

6. **Capital Projects**

a. **Second Interconnection** – Planned completion is still on track for the beginning of December, Two-thirds of the poles have been set. Drilling of foundations are moving forward, we have run into slightly more rock than we had planned , but we are continuing to move forward. The substation transformer has been moved from the Shiras site to its final location at the Pineau substation on Cr480.

b. **Other** – Nothing additional

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

Director of Finance, William Toomey presented the Interim Operating Statement for the month ending July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five-Year History, and Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget.

8. **Public Comments:**

No public comment

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

T. Carpenter informed the Board of billing changes that have been made to comply with Michigan Public Act 95 – Low Income Energy Assistance Fund (LIEAF). Manager of Metering & Customer Service, P. Havel, discussed how these changes will affect our customers and how our customers would be able to apply to receive Assistance Funding.

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

M. Brumm – League of Women Voters is having a candidate forum at the beginning of October and will be hosting MBLP Board candidates for the upcoming election in November.

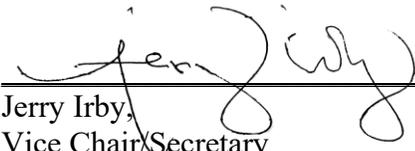
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D. Campana – Nothing additional

R. Holmes – Inquired about a discussion with the DNR we had in a prior meeting. T. Carpenter shared he had spoken with them earlier this week and they are still working through some design concepts to present to the Board.

J. Irby – Nothing additional

11. **Adjournment:**  
The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

  
Jerry Irby,  
Vice Chair/Secretary