

# Marquette Board of Light and Power 10-28-2025 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 October 28<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  
Margaret Brumm  
Rick Holmes

Absent: Jerry Irby, Vice Chair/Secretary  
John Sonderegger

Chairman Campana spoke regarding the passing of Jack Rantanen, a Journeyman Lineman working for Hooper on the Second Interconnection Project, on behalf of the Board & the MBLP D. Campana shared our heartfelt condolences to Jack's family and friends, a moment of silence was observed in recognition of Jack.

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

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

1. **Approval of the September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes and September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes**

M. Brumm made a motion to approve the September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, regular meeting minutes and September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Special 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, \$ 8,561,170.87 and future cash commitments of \$ 4,427,453.66 as presented. R. Holmes seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables.

3. **Public Comments:**

P. Schloegel – 2030 Wright St

Representing the Citizens for a Summertime Dog Recreation Space, P. Schloegel shared the desire to find space in/around the city that could serve as a summer dog recreational space, similar to how tourist park is in the winter. He outlined a few locations where this could be possible and highlighted the community need and the past/ongoing discussions.

4a. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Meter Department Service Truck**

R. Holmes made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2025 Ram 5500 Service Truck from Custom Truck One in the amount of \$ 164,500.00, M. Brumm seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.

4b. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Spare MEC Cylinder Head**

R. Holmes made a motion to approve the purchase of a spare MEC cylinder head from Wartsila in the amount of \$74,926.17, M. Brumm seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.

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- 4c. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of MEC Exhaust Bellows**  
R. Holmes made a motion to approve the purchase of replacement MEC exhaust bellows from Wartsila in the amount of \$50,463.85, M. Brumm seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.
- 4d. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of MEC Replacement Pilot Fuel Pump**  
R. Holmes made a motion to approve the purchase of a replacement MEC engine pilot fuel pump from Wartsila in the amount of \$40,759.83, M. Brumm seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.
5. **Capital Projects**
- a. **Second Interconnection** – The project is within its projected timeline; the location of the work being done is moving closer to the city and the Shiras substation. Wire is being pulled, and the project is moving forward.
- 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 September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five-Year History, Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget, and the Summary of Investments.
7. **Executive Director Annual Review:**  
D. Camapana and the Board reviewed and advised that all performance evaluation forms were positive regarding Executive Director Tom Carpenter’s performance. D. Campana and the Board spoke to T. Carpenter’s abilities as the Executive Director of the MBLP. T. Carpenter thanked the Board and thanked all the staff for the work they do for the MBLP; he stated the positive reviews are a direct reflection of all the employees of the MBLP.
8. **Public Comments:**  
No public comment
9. **Any Additional Business the Executive Director Wishes to Present:**  
T. Carpenter provided a brief explanation of a few components that make up energy markets, specifically relating to capacity and what the requirements are relating to the amount of capacity a utility is required to have. If a utility has more than they are required to have, that utility could sell the excess capacity to another utility that may be under the threshold they need to meet their capacity requirements. Since the MBLP currently has excess capacity, we are exploring options to sell that excess capacity to another utility. Discussion followed.

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

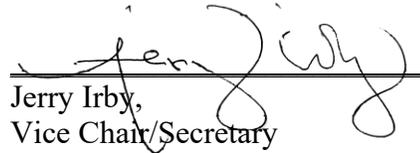
M. Brumm – Apologized to the room for being slightly late to the meeting. M. Brumm spoke to the memorial on 3<sup>rd</sup> street for Jack Rantanen.

R. Holmes – Spoke to the memorial on 3<sup>rd</sup> street for Jack Rantanen.

D. Campana – Spoke to the memorial on 3<sup>rd</sup> street for Jack Rantanen. D. Campana also inquired about the status of the bill/bills relating to our MEC engines that passed the House and are currently with the Senate.

11. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

  
Jerry Irby,  
Vice Chair/Secretary