

Marquette Board of Light and Power 01-27-2026 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 January 27th, 2026, beginning at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order.

D. Campana lead the Pledge of Allegiance and announced Roll Call.

Present: Dave Campana, Chairperson
Rick Holmes, Vice Chair/Secretary
Carrie Statt
Jerry Irby
John Sonderegger

Absent: None

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

1. **Approval of the December 16th, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes**

C. Statt made a motion to approve the December 16th, 2025, regular meeting minutes as presented. R. Holmes seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

J. Sonderegger made a motion to approve the bills paid of \$ 6,862,972.53 and future cash commitments of \$ 2,181,476.24 as presented. R. Holmes seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables.

3. **Public Comments:**

M. Brumm 404 E Magnetic – Spoke regarding the recent storm. M. Brumm stated that her power was out for a little while and came back on, but after that she started receiving calls from the community. She highlighted aspect of the storm and comments that she has heard throughout the community. She stated she will continue her statement at the second public comment period.

Evan Rister – Regional liaison for our UP Representatives – Stated that he is in attendance on behalf of Representative Bohnak and wanted to convey that Representative Bohnak is committed to furthering the legislation introduced to keep the RICE engines operating for their useful life. E. Rister mentioned and thanked the City of Marquette for the resolution of support they recently passed. E. Rister stated the UP delegation is still committed to this issue and they look forward to continuing to work with us.

4a. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Hydro Penstock Bands & Repair Material**

R. Holmes made a motion to approve the purchase of hydro penstock bands and repair material from International Tank & Pipe Co. for \$ 37,951.00, J. Irby seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.

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5. **Capital Projects**

- a. **Second Interconnection** – Commissioning of the Second Interconnection will be completed in the next few weeks with an expected in-service date beginning in March. Discussion of the financials relating to the tie-line followed; the budget is in line with expectations.
- 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 December 31st, 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:**

M. Brumm 404 E. Magnetic – Continued statement from first comment session. Spoke regarding the recent major outage.

K. Kovacs – City Manager of Marquette – Noted that she is available if there are any questions relating to the response recent major outage. K. Kovacs gave a brief summary of some of the actions that were taken during the storm, along with some information regarding the actions and discussion after the storm.

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

T. Carpenter shared information relating to a law that was changed requiring the MBLP to create an Energy Waste Reduction (EWR) program. The MBLP has partnered with SEEL to administer the program, which will begin advertising in the community in the next few weeks.

T. Carpenter updated the Board on our Fitch Rating review that is required as part of yearly Bond review. Our rating has not changed

T. Carpenter provided a review of the recent major storm/outage that occurred during New Years. Director of Distribution, Sean Seibert provided an overview of the process and the steps that were taken as the storm began and how we worked through the storm & restoration work. S. Seibert highlighted some of the challenges that were experienced because of the storm and how we responded. T. Carpenter outlined and highlighted the numerous agencies and contractors that were called and were able to assist in restoration efforts. Discussion followed.

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

C. Statt – Thanked everyone who worked through the storm and shared additional positive comments she heard from her neighbors and members of the community.

J. Sonderegger – Appreciate everyone’s efforts during the storm restoration.

J. Irby – Appreciated everyone’s positive comments and appreciated everyone’s efforts during the storm restoration.

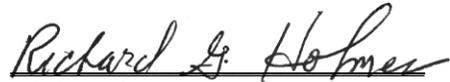
R. Holmes – Appreciated everyone’s efforts during the storm restoration and noted that not all service in the UP is as reliable as the MBLP’s and he is thankful for the work that is done here.

D. Campana – Appreciated everyone’s efforts during the storm restoration, he spoke briefly to the condition that crews were working in during the storm and recognized how challenging those conditions can be. He thanked everyone who was working in those conditions to restore service to those without power.

D. Campana also spoke briefly to the importance of the legislative bills that have passed the house and are currently in the Michigan Senate.

11. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.



Rick Holmes,
Vice Chair/Secretary