

Marquette Board of Light and Power 02-24-2026 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 February 24th, 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
John Sonderegger

Absent: Jerry Irby

C. Statt made a motion to excuse J. Irby from the meeting, J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and the board unanimously approved

D. Campana requested we add agenda item – MI DNR Vessel Presentation/Proposal to the agenda after our first public comment period. C. Statt made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition, R. Holmes seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved.

1. **Approval of the January 24th, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes**

J. Sonderegger made a motion to approve the January 24th, 2026, regular meeting minutes as presented. C. Statt seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

R. Holmes made a motion to approve the bills paid of \$ 4,461,643.83 and future cash commitments of \$ 1,599,380.77 as presented. C. Statt seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables.

3. **Public Comments:**

M. Brumm 404 E Magnetic – Presented a Jackery battery bank which can be used with compatible solar panels. Spoke about the wastewater treatment plan and their operations during the most recent outage.

4. **MI DNR – Vessel Base Presentation/Proposal**

Ed Baker from the Michigan DNR shared with a Board a presentation outlining their desire to utilize/own approximately 1 acre of land located at 300 W. Hampton St (Site of the former Shiras Steam Plant). Ed discussed their initial concept drawing of dockage and a Vessel Base (Building) where they would be able work on and store their larger vessels, this vessel base would also act as a wet lab and office space for their operations; Ed explained some of the background and reasoning related to the location. Ed presented an alternative concept (attached, northwest corner of the property) that recognizes the MBLP's ongoing utilization of the dock space. Discussion followed, no decisions were made on usage of the property, the Board informed the MI-DNR they would need time to work with MBLP's legal counsel to understand all the aspects of this request and that they would work towards a resolution (Yes or No) in the coming months.

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5. **2024-25 MBLP Audit Presentation**

Gregory Soule, CPA, of Andrews Hooper Pavlik PLC, presented the 2024-25 MBLP Audit. G. Soule stated that they issued an unmodified “clean” opinion regarding the audit and there were no adjusting journal entries that were needed. G. Soule explained the different aspects of the Audit and the responsibilities of both Management and the Auditors. G. Soule highlighted some key statistics relating to MBLP operations. Discussion followed.

J. Sonderegger made a motion to accept the audit as presented, R. Holmes seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved.

6a. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Wire Reel Trailer**

J. Sonderegger made a motion to approve the purchase of a wire reel trailer from Sauber Manufacturing for \$ 62,827 plus freight, R. Holmes seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.

6b. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Vacuum Excavation Trailer**

R. Holmes made a motion to approve the purchase of a vacuum excavation trailer from Vermeer Corporation for \$ 143,281.69, C. Statt seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.

7. **Capital Projects**

a. **Second Interconnection** – Will be energized and fully in service in a few days, all commissioning & testing has been completed, along with approvals from the appropriate agencies to move forward. Beginning in the spring we will be able to start maintenance and repairs on the original interconnection.

b. **Other** – Nothing additional

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

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

9. **Resolution – HB 4007 & HB 4283 of 2025**

T. Carpenter shared information relating to the resolution (see attached). J. Sonderegger made a motion to support the Resolution of Support for HB 4007 & HB 4283 of 2025. R. Holmes seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

10. **Public Comments:**

M. Brumm 404 E. Magnetic – Continued statement from first comment session, spoke about the possible placement of generators at wastewater treatment lift stations. Also spoke about coordination between all the City/County entities.

Jen Hill 503 Craig St – Thanked the Board for great power provided. Shared information with the Board regarding the MPSC and the denial they issued to UMEREC regarding their renewable energy plan along with the projected timeline for the updated renewable energy plan.

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

T. Carpenter shared information relating to our recent completion and release/approval of the Michigan EGLE restoration requirements from the Tourist Park Dam rebuild habitat requirements.

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

C. Statt – Commented and appreciated on the teamwork at the MBLP and the well-presented information.

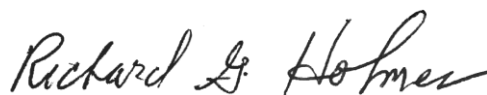
J. Sonderegger – Shared thoughts related to the MI-DNR proposal, stated his preference would be to keep the property ownership with the city, from a legal standpoint he wanted to better understand what we would be required to do.

R. Holmes – Appreciated the well-presented information.

D. Campana – Received a letter from the IBEW 510's business manager stating they are requesting a grievance hearing at the next Board meeting. MBLP Board Counsel, L. Reilly explained the process and that this is a common step in public bargaining unit's process. L. Reilly explained the next steps in the process and how the grievance process will proceed.

13. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.



Richard G. Holmes
Rick Holmes,
Vice Chair/Secretary

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