

Marquette Board of Light and Power 03-24-2026 MINUTES

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A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on March 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
Jerry Irby
John Sonderegger

Absent: None

J. Irby made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, C. Statt seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved.

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

J. Sonderegger made a motion to approve the February 24th, 2026, regular meeting minutes as presented. R. Holmes seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

R. Holmes made a motion to approve the bills paid of \$ 2,878,814.10 and future cash commitments of \$ 1,745,350.98 as presented. J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables.

3. **Public Comments:**

Cary Gotlieb – 1076 S Lake St. – Speaking as a resident, thanked all the employees/linemen for their incredible work during the recent major storms. C. Gotlieb spoke regarding the proposed DNR Boathouse on the Shiras Property, he shared his thoughts on the project and noted that the boathouse would ideally be located somewhere else and that the property be utilized for community purposes and be kept as structure free as possible.

Joe Cabatt – 806 S Lake St – Ensure everyone understands that he is in opposition to a DNR boathouse on the Shiras property. Noted that he has heard very little about the future of the Shiras property since the steam plant was demolished a few years ago. J. Cabatt noted the residents of S. Lake St. recently contributed a substantial amount of money to have the utility lines buried on S. Lake St. to increase the visual appeal of S. Lake St. Spoke about the ongoing industrial use of the Shiras site.

Lisa Janke – 808 S. Lake St – Commented on the lack of information regarding the Shiras site in previous meeting minutes and stated her concerns about the current and future use of the site. Inquired about future discussions and what wording/project names residents should be looking for when it relates to the Shiras site.

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Paul Schloegel - 2030 Wright St - Speaking as a resident, thanked the Board for adding the dog park to the agenda for this meeting and thanked the Board for their generosity in allowing the use of MBLP land for this purpose, he noted it has been something that has been on the City masterplan for a number of years. Thanked everyone who worked during the recent storms

Karen Kovacs – 300 W. Baraga Ave – Appreciated the recent storm response. Stated she is available for questions during the dog park discussion. Thanked everyone who has been part of the process thus far.

4a. **Shiras Property Discussion – Catch Basin**

T. Carpenter provided background on the project; J. Parent (EGLE) presented an overview of where the current catch basins on the Shiras property are located and what changed when the Shiras Steam Plant was demolished. A grant was received/awarded to the City of Marquette to improve current catch basin at the South end of the property; this catch basin would act as a buffer to stormwater runoff, preventing contaminants and debris from freely flowing into Lake Superior, they would instead funnel into the catch basin and then be absorbed through the basin. J. Irby made a motion that we move forward with the catch basin improvements at the Shiras site, C. Statt seconded the motion and Board unanimously approved.

5a. **Purchase of MEC Injection Pump Rebuild Parts & Service**

R. Holmes made a motion to approve the purchase of MEC Injection pump Rebuild Parts & Service from Wartsila for \$ 83,900.00, J. Sonderegger seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.

5b. **Recommendation to Approve Resolution for MPPA Board Alternates**

C. Statt made a motion to approve the resolution for MPPA Board alternates, J. Irby seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.

5c. **Recommendation to Approve 2026 Energy Waste Reduction Program Plan**

J. Sonderegger made a motion to approve the 2026 Energy Waste Reductions program plan, C. Statt seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.

5d. **Recommendation to Approve 2027 PA 95 Opt-in/out – Low-Income Energy Assistance**

R. Holmes made a motion to opt-out of PA 95 for 2027, J. Sonderegger seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.

6. **Request for MBLP Land Use – Dog Park – Co Rd 550**

J. Irby made a motion to allow the Marquette Dog Park Friends to move forward with the usage of the outlined MBLP property pending a licenses agreement and funding. C. Statt seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.

7. **Capital Projects**

a. **Second Interconnection** – The second interconnection has been completed and is currently in service.

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- 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 February 28, 2026, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five-Year History, and Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget.
9. **Public Comments:**
No additional comments
10. **Any Additional Business the Executive Director Wishes to Present:**
Updated the Board on a recent vehicle purchase per our vehicle replacement plan and policy. T. Carpenter shared some additional background information on the vehicle purchase policy.
11. **Any Additional Business the Board Members Wish to Present:**
C. Statt – Attended the Marquette Dog Park Friends organizational meeting and was happy to hear their plan and their ability to move forward.
J. Sonderegger – Spoke on the DNR’s request, stated he supported the property being used for municipal/recreational purposes and believes counsel will inform the Board what we can do & what we would be required to do regarding the property. Would prefer the property to be utilized for the community and if we are not required to release the land, he questioned why we would. He also briefly spoke to the possible utilization of the property and the public inquiries we have made thus far.
R. Holmes – Mirrored J. Sonderegger’s comments regarding the use of land down at the Shiras site.
J. Irby – Nothing additional
D. Campana – Spoke briefly about the proposed DNR project, stated that we are still waiting to hear from counsel regarding ownership of the property.
12. **IBEW Local 510 Appeal to Board**
T. Carpenter stated there is currently an ongoing grievance and then introduced IBEW Local 510 President, Anthony Lanala to present the IBEW Local 510 grievance appeal to the Board. A. Lanala presented the IBEW appeal to the Board and provided information relating to Line worker scheduling and pay concerns during the Thanksgiving storm. Discussion followed.
13. **Closed Session**
D. Campana moved the Board go into closed session under Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act, to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state of federal statute, which is section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act which exempts from public disclosure records subject to the attorney-client privilege.
J. Irby seconded the motion; a roll call vote was held:
Yes: D. Campana, C. Statt, J. Sonderegger, R. Holmes, J. Irby
No: None

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D. Campana made a motion to conclude the closed session, J. Irby seconded the motion, a roll call vote was held:

Yes: D. Campana, C. Statt, J. Sonderegger, R. Holmes, J. Irby

No: None

D. Campana made a motion to reject the grievance appeal and authorize staff to reoffer the previous settlement proposal to the IBEW Local 510 dated February 17th, 2026. J. Irby seconded the motion;


A roll call vote was held:

Yes: D. Campana, C. Statt, J. Sonderegger, R. Holmes, J. Irby

No: None

14. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.


David Campana,
Board Chair