

Marquette Board of Light and Power 07-28-2026 MINUTES

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A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on July 28th, 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
Carrie Statt, Vice-Chair/Secretary
Jerry Irby
John Sonderegger
Christopher Dehlin

Absent: None

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

1. **Approval of June 23rd, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes**

J. Sonderegger made a motion to approve June 23rd, 2026, regular meeting minutes as presented. C. Dehlin seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

C. Statt made a motion to approve the bills paid of \$ 3,803,422.84 and future cash commitments of \$ 1,578,526.53 as presented. C. Dehlin seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables.

3. **Public Comments:**

M. Brumm – 404 E Magnetic – Spoke regarding people contacting her with questions about the MBLP and commented about the condition of the some of the MBLP's utility poles.

Carrie Gottlieb – 1076 S. Lake St. – Provided an overview of the timeline from the initial notification in 2021-22 to S. Lake St of the planned utility pole replacement due to aging infrastructure, C. Gottlieb then shared the subsequent steps the residents of S. Lake St have taken to move forward with undergrounding all the utilities serving S. Lake St. C. Gottlieb noted that Charter Communications has begun their process of undergrounding and asked the MBLP to provide a firm date/timeline for the project completion.

4a. **Recommendation to Approve 2026-27 Brushing Contract**

J. Irby made a motion to award the 2026-27 brushing to Bugle Contracting in the amount of 663,537.50 , J. Sonderegger seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.

4b. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of MEC Engine #2 Turbocharger**

C. Dehlin made a motion to approve the purchase the MEC engine #2 turbocharger from Accelleron in the amount of \$538,957.86, C. Statt seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.

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4c. **Recommendation to Approve 2026-27 Substation Maintenance Services**

C. Dehlin made a motion to approve 2026-27 Substation Maintenance to Electric Power Systems in the amount of \$ 44,418.00, C. Statt seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.

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

Director of Finance, William Toomey presented the Interim Operating Statement for the month ending June 30th, 2026, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five-Year History, Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget, and a summary of investments.

6. **Public Comments:**

No comment was made.

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

T. Carpenter shared a request from Habitat for Humanity inquiring about a donation of time, materials, and services.

T. Carpenter also shared an update with the Board regarding the catch basin project at the former Shiras Steam Plant property that was approved at the March 4th, 2026 Board Meeting.

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

C. Statt – Nothing additional

J. Sonderegger – Added some additional comments regarding the S. Lake St project and inquired about the constraints on providing a hard, defined timeline and completion date. Commented and inquired regarding M. Brumm’s public comment about forwarded emails to the Board. J. Sonderegger also inquired about responding to Habitat for Humanity. J. Sonderegger asked about moving the fenceline at the Shiras Site to open up more of the property. T. Carpenter spoke to some adjustments to the fenceline that would need to be made to section off the bulk unloading area and areas by the substation.

J. Irby – Nothing additional

D. Campana – Nothing additional

C. Dehlin – Inquired about having one engine down for repairs and how that affects the amount of power we purchase from the grid. Inquired about the S. Lake St project, T. Carpenter mentioned a few aspects of the project including summer work load relating to scheduling priority for the distribution department, the need for other utilities to remove their equipment from the poles, and some work that would need to be completed on individual houses relating to the undergrounding. Director of Distribution, S. Seibert echoed T. Carpenter’s comments.

9. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m.



Carrie Statt,
Vice-Chair/Secretary