Marquette Board of Light and Power 08-25-2026 MINUTES
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A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on August 25th, 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
John Sonderegger
Christopher Dehlin

Absent: Jerry Irby

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

1. **Approval of July 28th, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes**
   C. Dehlin made a motion to approve July 28th, 2026, regular meeting minutes as presented. C. Statt seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**
   C. Statt made a motion to approve the bills paid of $ 2,827,135.55 and future cash commitments of $ 1,529,584.46 as presented. J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables.

3. **Public Comments:**
   Dave Callio – Member of Sands Township Board and member of the Utility Review Committee. At a recent committee meeting, a topic was raised by the committee concerning data centers and how the MBLP would handle an inquiry from a company regarding a data center. D. Callio asked if we could possibly add some public facing general information relating to data centers.

4a. **Recommendation to Approve PA 95 Low Income Energy Assistance Program Administrator**
   J. Sonderegger made a motion to approve Community Action Alger-Marquette (CAAM) as the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program Administrator on behalf of the MBLP, C. Statt seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.

4b. **Recommendation to Approve Sale of (4) 2500kVA Transformers**
   C. Statt made a motion to approve the sale of (4) 2500kVA transformers to Maddox Industrial Transformers in the amount of $65,000.00, C. Dehlin seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.

4c. **Recommendation to Approve 69kV Circuit Breaker Replacement Services**
   C. Dehlin made a motion to approve 69kV Circuit Breaker Replacement Services by Electric Power Systems in the amount of $ 39,000.00, C. Statt seconded the motion, after discussion the Board unanimously approved.

4d. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Replacement MEC Turbocharger**
C. Statt made a motion to approve the purchase of a replacement turbocharger and associates parts from Accelleron US Inc. in the amount of $ 522,489.85, J. Sonderegger 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 July 31st, 2026, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five-Year History, and Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget.

6. **Public Comments:**
No comment was made.

7. **Any Additional Business the Executive Director Wishes to Present**:
Inquired with the Board about scheduling a Budget Work Session/Special Board Meeting. T. Carpenter mentioned a few employees from the DNR were in town for a ribbon cutting ceremony and they had reached out to him and asked to visit the Shiras Property. An overview/discussion of the DNR's original proposal/request followed.

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

C. Statt – Noted she would be travelling in October and will not be able to attend the Board Meeting that month.

J. Sonderegger – In response to D. Callio's public comment a discussion regarding data centers followed D. Callio's public comment, J. Sonderegger noted this was a topic he was hoping to discuss and possibly add information from the Board on the website, such as a FAQ for the general public; he also noted that he has been surprised by the public perception of data centers. During the discussion it was noted that the MBLP does not ultimately decide who is served in the service territory, although if a large project (manufacturing, data center, etc…) was being explored, the MBLP would have to review the capacity requirements to see if it could accommodate the amount being requested, additional discussion followed.

D. Campana – Noted the question relating to the Shiras Site about ownership and who has the right to make the final decision. Legal is reviewing documents to better understand the relationship between the MBLP, the City of Marquette, and the State of Michigan as it relates to the Shiras property.

C. Dehlin – Inquired about what the potential cost of a park or something similar might look like for the Shiras property

9. **Adjournment:**
The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Carrie Statt,
Vice-Chair/Secretary