

Marquette Board of Light and Power 01-14-2021 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, 14th 2021 beginning at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Due to special circumstances and as permitted by Public Act 228 on 2020, public participation was held via conference call.

Present: John Prince, Chair
Robert Niemi, Vice Chair/Secretary
Ed Angeli
Jerry Irby
John Sonderegger

Absent: (None)

T. Carpenter asked to move agenda item 3- FFTP Feasibility discussion to agenda item 2.
E. Angeli made a motion to approve the agenda with the proposed changes, J. Irby seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

1. **Public Comments:**

No public comment was made at this time.

2. **FTTP Feasibility Discussion**

T. Carpenter apprised the Board of the background information. David McCartney of Peninsula Fiber Network present the board with background information on Peninsula Fiber Network; David then introduced Scott Randall of PFN. Scott gave some background information on the current state of the telecommunications industry with respect to public utilities and other fiber projects and then expressed their interest in the project. T. Carpenter then introduced Joe Menze of 906 Technologies; Joe shared his insight & interest in the project. Discussion followed. J. Irby made a motion to move forward with the FTTP feasibility study, there was no second to the motion. The Board then directed T. Carpenter to contact the City in regards to their interest in contributing to the project and to the type of agreement they would be open to.

3. **Recommendation to Approve 2nd Interconnection Right-of-Way & Real Estate Support Services**

E. Angeli made a motion to approve 2nd interconnection Right-of-way & Real-Estate Support Services. J. Irby seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

4. **Public Comments:**

No public comment was made.

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5. **Any Additional Business the Executive Director Wishes to Present:**
T. Carpenter shared some figures with the Board as to how often the community utilizes the trail systems that are hosted on MBLP land. He then presented the Board with the possibility of a small parking lot expansion for the Wright St trailhead planned for early spring. T. Carpenter introduced our new Manager of Information Technology, Mark Tracy. Mark introduced himself to the Board and expressed his appreciation for being able to join the MBLP.

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

R. Niemi – Appreciated the capital projects spreadsheet

E. Angeli – Welcomed Mark Tracy, expressed his excitement about further discussions regarding the fiber project.

J. Irby – Nothing additional

J. Sonderegger – Nothing additional

J. Prince – Echoed E. Angeli's sentiments about discussion regarding the fiber project.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.



Robert Niemi,
Vice Chair/Secretary