Marquette Board of Light and Power 01-26-2021 MINUTES
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A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on January 26th, 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 of 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 add agenda item 9a – Recommendation to approve CIS System upgrade. E. Angeli made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, John S. seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

1. **Approval of the December 16th, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes**
J. Sonderegger made a motion to accept the December 16th, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. E. Angeli seconded the motion, the Board unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of the January 14th, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes**
J. Irby made a motion to accept the January 14th, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. E. Angeli seconded the motion, the Board unanimously approved.

3. **Approval of Bills Payable:**
J. Sonderegger made a motion to approve the Bills Payable, as presented, totaling $ 1,571,748.85. E. Angeli seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables as presented.

4. **Public Comments:**

No public comment was made at this time.

5. **Recommendation to Perform FTTP Feasibility Study**
E. Angeli made a motion to perform the FTTP feasibility study for $88,940.00, awarded to Power Systems Engineering (PSE), J. Irby seconded the motion and after discussion, the motion was approved by a 4-1 vote (For: J. Prince, J. Irby, R. Niemi, E. Angeli; Against: J. Sonderegger).

6. **Recommendation to Accept the 2020 MBLP Audit**
Paul Nardi from Makela, Toutant, Hill, Nardi & Katona, P.C. presented the 2021 audit report. P. Nardi stated that they issued an unmodified "clean" opinion regarding the audit. P. Nardi discussed different aspects of the audit, along with highlighting different aspects of the financials (Management Discussion & Analysis, Statement of Net Position, Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position, Statement of Cash Flow, and Require Supplementary information.) J. Irby made a motion to accept the 2021 Audit as presented, R. Niemi seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

7. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Network Switches**
E. Angeli made a motion to approve the purchase of network switches from Compudyne in the amount of $26,185.32. J. Irby seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

8. **Capital Projects**

a. Second Interconnection – Steigerwaldt has begun the work that was approved at a prior meeting. B. Collins had a kickoff meeting with B&V and Steigerwaldt and the project is moving forward.

b. Wright St Expansion – The expansion is starting to look like an actual office space, drywall is going up, exterior work is beginning soon. Completion date is still planned for early April.

c. Shiras CCR/Shiras Demolition – Currently in a holding pattern until North American Dismantling can arrive on site. GRP Engineering will be on site in the next few days doing relay testing at the substation control building.

d. Other – Final approval for Wetland Mitigation for Tourist Park Dam has been submitted to EGLE.

9. **Financial Discussion – Mark Link:**
Chief Financial Officer – Mark Link presented the Interim Operating Statement for the month ending December 31th, 2020, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five-Year History, Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget, and a Summary of Investments.

9a. **Recommendation to Approve Customer Information System Update**
E. Angeli made a motion to approve the Customer Information System update to National Information Solutions Cooperative (NISC). J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

10. **Public Comments:**

No public comment was made.

11. **Any Additional Business the Executive Director Wishes to Present**:
Nothing additional from the Executive Director

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

R. Niemi – Wanted to commend the staff on the work that was done on the Audit.

E. Angeli – Echoed R Niemi's comment regarding the Audit and the work that was done and the positive view for the MBLP. E. Angeli spoke regarding the next big hurdle, the Second Interconnection and his hope is to be able to see wire's strung before his current term concludes.

J. Irby – Nothing additional

J. Sonderegger – Interested in the route planning for the Second Interconnection; looking forward to talking to Mark more about the NISC CIS project

J. Prince – Echoed the comments of the other Board Members regarding the Audit and also commented on how focused and resilient the employees of the MBLP have been in the face of the pandemic and that we are still moving ahead and improving the state of the utility and that he is proud to be a part of this organization.

Adjournment:
The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Robert Niemi

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Vice Chair/Secretary