

Marquette Board of Light and Power 02-15-2022 MINUTES

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A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on February 15th, 2022 beginning at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Present: John Prince, Chair
Robert Niemi, Vice Chair/Secretary
Ed Angeli
Paul Schloegel
John Sonderegger

Absent: None

T. Carpenter asked to add item 6a. Recommendation to approve purchase of field reclosers. R. Niemi made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, E. Angeli seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

1. **Approval of the January 25th Regular Meeting & February 2nd Special Meeting Minutes**

E. Angeli made a motion to accept the January 25th, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes and February 2nd, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

E. Angeli made a motion to approve the Bills Payable, as presented, totaling \$ 1,080,796.27. R. Niemi seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables as presented.

3. **Public Comments:**

No public comment was made

4. **Audit Presentation – Paul Nardi**

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.)

5. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Financing & Accounting Module**

J. Prince moved that 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 or federal statute, which is section 13(1)(f) of the Freedom of Information Act which

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exempts from public disclosure “Trade secrets or commercial information submitted on the premise of confidentiality authorized by the Chief Administrative Officer of a public body”. E. Angeli seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted;

Yes: J. Prince, R. Niemi, J. Sonderegger, E. Angeli, P. Schloegel

No: None

R. Niemi Made a motion to come out of closed session. E. Angeli seconded the motion A roll call vote was conducted;

Yes: J. Prince, R. Niemi, J. Sonderegger, E. Angeli, P. Schloegel

No: None

E. Angeli made a motion to approve the purchase of the Financing & Accounting Module from NISC. R. Niemi seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

6. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of MEC Radiator Access Materials & Fabrication**

P. Schloegel made a motion to approve the purchase of MEC Radiator Access Material & Fabrication from UP Fabricating Company in the amount of \$ 29,818.35 (+ 15% for steel market volatility included). J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

6a. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Field Reclosers**

R. Niemi made a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) field reclosers from Power Line Supply in the amount of \$ 49,540.00. E. Angeli seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

7. **Capital Projects**

a. **Second Interconnection** – ATC is moving forward, project kickoff meeting this Friday.

b. **Shiras Demolition** – Josh is working with the State of Michigan regarding what the property could be used for. The State of Michigan is currently backed up, so it may be a bit of a longer process. J. Hendrickson is currently working on selling a step-up transformer that was used at the SSP, but is no longer needed. T. Carpenter informed the Board that we would be planning on hosting a work session in the future to gather community input on usage of the property. J. Sonderegger & P. Schloegel both commented on the tour of the property that was conducted with T. Carpenter and shared some thoughts about the property.

c. **Other** – T. Carpenter spoke briefly regarding how many people we currently have signed up for SmartHub and the response numbers we received from our customer survey.

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8. **Financial Discussion – CFO, Mark Link:**

Chief Financial Officer, Mark Link presented the Interim Operating Statement for the month ending January 31st, 2022, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five-Year History, and Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget.

9. **Public Comments:**

No public comment was made.

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

T. Carpenter shared there was a change in the Customer Deposit Policy that was put into effect. M. Link shared the change and discussion followed.

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

P Schloegel – Thanked the crews for their quick response and the work they put in on Friday night. P. Schloegel also commented on the positive social media response and the positive response from parents of NMU students. S. Seibert shared some information as to the situation and what caused the outage.

J. Sonderegger – Echoed the previous comments and appreciated the crews that were out working in the freezing conditions.

R. Niemi – Nothing additional

E. Angeli – Commented on the Audit and thanked everyone for their hard work.

J. Prince – Echoed the rest of the Boards' comments. He appreciated all the hard work that went in to the Audit and wanted to reiterate the amount of hard work and effort that goes into it.

11. **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.



Robert Niemi,
Vice Chair/Secretary