

Marquette Board of Light and Power 02-23-2021 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 February 23rd, 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 10a – Authorized MPPA Energy Services Representative Resolution. E. Angeli made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, J. Irby. seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

1. **Approval of the January 26th, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes**

J. Irby made a motion to accept the January 26th, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. J. Sonderegger seconded the motion, the Board unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

J. Irby made a motion to approve the Bills Payable, as presented, totaling \$ 2,025,011.40. R. Niemi seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board approved the Bills Payables as presented in a 4-0 vote (J. Irby abstained from voting due to an interest in one of the vendors.)

3. **Public Comments:**

No public comment was made at this time.

4. **Recommendation to Approve Temporary Disconnect Policy**

J. Irby made a motion to approve the Temporary Disconnect Policy, J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and after discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

5. **Recommendation to Award 3-Year MDR (Managed Detection & Response) Services**

E. Angeli made a motion to award 3-year MDR services to CrowdStrike in the amount of \$ 100,165.00, J Sonderegger seconded the motion and after discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

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6. **Recommendation to Award Technical Oversight Preventative Maintenance Services**
J. Irby made a motion to award technical oversight preventative maintenance services from ABB Motors & Mechanical in the amount of \$27,047.00. E. Angeli seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.
7. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of East Addition Office Furniture**
E. Angeli made a motion to approve the purchase of East Addition Office Furniture from UP Office Furnishing Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$74,628.24. J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.
8. **Power Supply Discussion**
T. Carpenter shared with the Board our operations during the polar vortex that effected Texas and southern states during the last month. The flexibility we have in dispatching our generating assets allowed us to quickly adjust to changing market conditions, and in turn, save our ratepayers a considerable amount of money.
9. **Capital Projects**
 - a. Second Interconnection – Still working through engineering & routing. Will be contacting landowners in the upcoming weeks.
 - b. Wright St Expansion – On track, flooring going in, still looking at the April timeline for employees to come over from the SSP.
 - c. Shiras CCR/Shiras Demolition – Still on target for April timeline. North American Dismantling was on site last week starting their planning.
 - d. Other – N/A
10. **Financial Discussion – Mark Link:**
Chief Financial Officer – Mark Link presented the Interim Operating Statement for the month ending January 31th, 2021, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five-Year History, & Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget.
- 10a. **Recommendation to Authorize MPPA Energy Services Agreement Representative Resolution**
E. Angeli made a motion to authorize Executive Director T. Carpenter & CFO, Mark Link as MPPA Energy Services Agreement Representative. J. Irby seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.
11. **Public Comments:**

No public comment was made.

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

T. Carpenter informed the Board of Public Act 202 – OPEB & Pension liabilities; we received official notification from the state of MI that we have improved our standing with and are no longer on a corrective action plan.

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

R. Niemi – Nothing additional

E. Angeli – Inquired about Energy Assistance for our customers in need.

J. Irby – Nothing additional

J. Sonderegger – Nothing additional

J. Prince – Spoke briefly regarding the situation down south and commented on the conversations when the MEC was being proposed; the importance of the flexibility that protects our customers needs & safety.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Robert Niemi,
Vice Chair/Secretary