

Marquette Board of Light and Power 04-20-2021 MINUTES

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A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on April 20th, 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

1. **Approval of the March 23rd, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes**

E. Angeli made a motion to accept the March 23rd, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. J. Irby 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 \$ 825,996.54. E. Angeli seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables as presented.

3. **Public Comments:**

No public comment was made at this time.

4. **Recommendation to Approve the Sale Price of Sand**

J. Sonderegger made a motion to set the sale price of sand from the pit located behind Number 2 Hydro at \$1.60/cubic yard. R. Niemi seconded the motion and after discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

5. **Recommendation to Award Three (3) Year Technical Support Agreement for SCADA System**

E. Angeli made a motion to award a three (3) year Technical Support Agreement for the SCADA System to Survalent Technology in the amount of \$43,745. J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

6. **Energy Optimization (EO) Program Discussion**

Manager of Accounting and Customer Service – Toby Smith provided background on the current Energy Optimization Program administered through MECA (Michigan Electric Cooperative Association) who further contracted with SlipStream (WECC/Clear Results) for implementation & reporting of the program. T Smith discussed the financial

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allocations of the current program and what is covered through the program. Supervisor of Metering & Energy Programs – Kevin Downs provided information regarding the EO program processes in the field and the typical process he undertakes once a request is received by a customer. Discussion regarding the future of the Energy Optimization program is ongoing.

7. **Capital Projects**

a. Second Interconnection – Initial contact (letters) have been mailed to land owners that are in the Right-of-Way. Discussions of the exact point of substation connection to ATC are ongoing.

b. Wright St Expansion – Moving forward as planned, furniture is being delivered and installed. Some employees have already moved from Shiras to the East Addition.

c. Shiras CCR/Shiras Demolition – North County Dismantling is on-site working on isolating the plant. Although work is beginning inside of the plant, nothing will be visible from the street for some time.

d. Fiber Optic Project – PSE has been receiving surveys back from our customers, they are getting close to a cut-off date; PSE has been impressed by the response rate, which can serve as a high-level indicator of positive interest. A number of companies have shown interest in partnering with the MBLP on this project and PSE will be including that in the evaluation and final report.

e. Other – CFO - M. Link spoke briefly regarding the kickoff meeting with NISC and the anticipated timeline to completion; January, 2022.

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

Chief Financial Officer – Mark Link presented the Interim Operating Statement for the month ending March 31st, 2021, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five-Year History, Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget, & Summary of Investments.

11. **Public Comments:**

No public comment was made.

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

T. Carpenter mentioned the total amount that has been passed back to our customers through the fuel adjustment since 2018; \$ 8.3 Million Dollars. This was accomplished through efficient economic dispatch of the generating assets.

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

R. Niemi – Nothing additional

E. Angeli – Commended T. Smith and the team for the great job they are doing helping our customers if they are falling behind in order to avoid getting to the point of disconnect.

J. Irby – Nothing additional

J. Sonderegger – Nothing additional

J. Prince – Echoed E. Angeli's comments regarding working with our customers to help them before they get to the point of disconnect. J. Prince also inquired about our Part 12 – Penstock-Hydro Inspection. J. Hendrickson updated the Board on inspections in previous years and summarized the possible maintenance in the coming years.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



Robert Niemi,
Vice Chair/Secretary