Marquette Board of Light and Power 06-22-2021 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 June 22nd, 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

J. Sonderegger requested item 4a – ROTC Rock/UP Climbing Coalition be added to the agenda. J. Sonderegger made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. R. Niemi seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved

1. **Approval of the May 25th, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes**
   J. Irby made a motion to accept the May 25th, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. E. Angeli seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**
   J. Irby made a motion to approve the Bills Payable, as presented, totaling $ 5,561,512.47. 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 at this time.

4. **Recommendation to Approve 3-Year Cleaning Contract**
   J. Irby made a motion to approve a 3-year cleaning contract to CAP Cleaning Services in the amount of $ 3,640/month with annual increases. J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

4a. **UP Climbing Coalition Discussion**
   J. Sonderegger presented a proposal to the Board regarding the possibility of allowing the UP-Climbing Coalition to place top-rope anchors at the top of "ROTC rock". After discussion, J. Sonderegger was going to coordinate with T. Carpenter to explore the requirements and liability ramifications of the proposed idea.

5. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Additional Office Furniture**
E. Angeli made a motion to approve the purchase of Additional Office Furniture from UP Office Furnishings in the amount of $ 53,662.32. R. Niemi seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

6. **PA-95 Recommendation**
J. Sonderegger made a motion to opt-out of PA-95 based on the recommendation from staff. J. Irby seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

7. **EO Program Discussion**
T. Carpenter stated that we are currently exploring possible in-house programs to continue the EO program. He also informed the Board that MPPA is in the process of developing a service committee within their organization that would facilitate an EO program for the member utilities that would like to participate and once they formulate a plan, we will have a better idea of how we plan on moving forward.

8. **Capital Projects**

a. Second Interconnection – Still exploring alternate route with ATC and Black & Veatch; the alternate site may come with additional operating benefits for the MBLP.

b. Wright St Renovation – Opposite side of the building (West side) is currently going through the demolition phase. Currently working through a brick supply issue for the front of the building, but once they are received, they should go up pretty quick.

c. Shiras Demolition – T. Carpenter listed the different parts of the plant that have been removed thus far. The larger crane to remove #3 stack is being delivered soon and will begin the process of bringing down the stack.

d. Fiber Optic Project – Study is nearing completion; PSE will be presenting the information to T. Carpenter this upcoming week. T. Carpenter is hoping they will have the full draft of the report in the next few weeks. T. Carpenter has met with a few other fiber companies in the area; they have expressed interest in the project.

e. Other – None

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

10. **Public Comments:**

No public comment was made.

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

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

R. Niemi – Nothing additional

E. Angeli – Inquired about outages and our response. T. Carpenter spoke to the phone systems and the issues we are still experiencing; B. Collin spoke to the outages we had over the weekend due to vehicle accidents, it was not on our system (Alger-Delta) but we did respond because we are closer. B. Collins also mentioned that we had a few outages due to squirrels and the changes we have made in the past few years to help prevent those outages.

J. Irby – Mentioned the 4th of July parade is right around the corner and expressed interest in the MBLP being represented. T. Carpenter stated that we typically have a truck in the parade every year and that we would this year as well.

J. Prince – Spoke with some of our customers and some people outside of our service territory; mentioned that those outside of our territory would like to be on our system because of what the BLP offers our community and rate payers. J. Prince said good job to everyone and keep up the great work.

J. Sonderegger – Nothing additional

Adjournment:
The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Robert Niemi

Robert Niemi,
Vice Chair/Secretary