

# Marquette Board of Light and Power 07-27-2021 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 July 27<sup>nd</sup>, 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. Irby made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. E. Angeli seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved

1. **Approval of the June 22<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes**

E. Angeli made a motion to accept the June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. R. Niemi 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 \$ 2,356,001.27.

J. Sonderegger 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 Purchase of Meter Test Equipment & Software**

J. Irby made a motion to approve the purchase of meter test equipment & software from Radian Research Inc for \$ 28,305.00. R. Niemi seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

5. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Substation Maintenance Equipment**

R. Niemi made a motion to approve the purchase of Substation Maintenance Equipment in the amount of \$ 30,912.50. E. Angeli seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

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6. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase and Installation of Circuit Breaker Replacements**

E. Angeli made a motion to approve the purchase and installation of circuit breaker replacements from Kent Power in the amount of \$ \$ 99,575.00. J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

7. **EO Program Discussion**

T. Carpenter spoke to the Board regarding the current status of the Energy Optimization Program. MMEA is currently exploring a program that would be available to it's member utilities; we are currently on hold waiting to hear their proposed program.

8. **Capital Projects**

**a. Second Interconnection** – Finalizing evaluation of alternate route. J. Prince inquired about current cost numbers and if any material costs are upcoming. T. Carpenter & B. Collins stated that the current P.O.'s and contracts we have are for engineering services and Real Estate Services.

**b. Wright St Renovation** – Moving along, bricks are out front and going on the building. Flooring is going in and things are wrapping up. Furniture should be arriving just as the renovation is being completed.

**c. Shiras Demolition** – Going along as planned, North American Dismantling was working though some equipment issues; these issues should not affect the final completion date. J. Price inquired if the large pieces of equipment in side have all been removed. T. Carpenter stated that the equipment has been prepped to be lifted out of the building once North American Dismantling is at that point in the demolition.

**d. Fiber Optic Project** – Draft report has been received and is currently being finalized. J Prince thanked Laura Reilly for working with the City of Marquette on the Fiber-Optic resolution that was approved at the last City Commission meeting.

**e. Other** – None

9. **Financial Discussion – Tobias Smith:**

Manager of Accounting and Customer Service, Tobias Smith presented the Interim Operating Statement for the month ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five-Year History, Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget, & Investments.

10. **Public Comments:**

No public comment was made.

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

Nothing additional

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

R. Niemi – Nothing additional

E. Angeli – Mentioned that the he noticed the downtown street lighting was going up. B. Collins spoke to the timeline; the delivery of the street lights was delayed by close to 2 months. E. Angeli thanked the Linemen that participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and thanked J. Irby for the work that he put in to make the parade a success.

J. Irby – Stated he was really proud to see two of our Line Trucks in the parade.

J. Prince – Inquired about contractors' workload and was wondering if they were getting to all our projects. B. Collins spoke to the contractors doing our brushing and that K. Downs is working with them to ensure they are on track. J. Prince also thanked J. Irby and Sally Davis for all their work on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

J. Sonderegger – Enjoyed hearing the financial discussion and the confidence in the cash planning. He thanked everyone stated he believes the utility is in a good place due to everyone's efforts.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.



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Robert Niemi,  
Vice Chair/Secretary