

Marquette Board of Light and Power 08-24-2021 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 August 24th, 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
John Sonderegger

Absent: J. Irby

J. Sonderegger made a motion to excuse J. Irby from tonight's meeting. E. Angeli seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved.

T. Carpenter asked to add item 13a. – Attorney/Client (Closed Session) discussion to the agenda. E. Angeli made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. R. Niemi seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved

1. **Approval of the July 27th, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes**

E. Angeli made a motion to accept the July 27th, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

J. Sonderegger made a motion to approve the Bills Payable, as presented, totaling \$ 2,126,176.90. R. Niemi seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables as presented.

3. **Public Comments:**

Nick Leach – 424 Garfield Ave: Chair for the utility review commission, Nick is the Manager of Negaunee Township. Nick was calling to introduce himself and to see if the Board had any questions for the Utility Review Commission.

4. **Recommendation to Approve Change Order for CCR Impoundment**

E. Angeli made a motion to approve the change order for CCR Impoundment in the amount of \$ 105,205.63. J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

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5. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of MEC Preventative Essential Parts**
J. Sonderegger made a motion to approve the purchase of MEC Preventative Maintenance Essential Parts from Wartsila in the amount of \$ 176,947.91. E. Angeli seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.
6. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of SCR Door Insulation Blankets**
E. Angeli made a motion to approve the purchase of SCR Door Insulation Blankets from Gagnon Incorporated in the amount of \$ 28,300. 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/MPPA is looking for a commitment to a program similar to what we are doing currently. After internal discussions, the discussion of developing an internal program is ongoing.
8. **Capital Projects**
 - a. Second Interconnection – T. Carpenter said they are receiving information from ATC in the upcoming week and should have more to report to the Board next meeting.
 - b. Wright St Renovation – A few days from the final walkthrough. The front is coming along, scaffolding has been removed, but there is some additional brick work that needs to be worked through.
 - c. Shiras Demolition – #2 stack is down, #3 stack is down, conveyers are down. On schedule for early December.
 - d. Fiber Optic Project – Very close, looking to schedule a in person meeting/work session in the next week or so to discuss the findings of the feasibility study.
 - e. Other – None
9. **Financial Discussion – CFO, Mark Link:**
Chief Financial Officer, Mark Link presented the Interim Operating Statement for the month ending July 31st, 2021, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five-Year History, and Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget.
10. **Public Comments:**

No public comment was made.
11. **Any Additional Business the Executive Director Wishes to Present:**
Reminder of budget work session scheduled for this week.

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

R. Niemi – Nothing additional

E. Angeli – Inquired about our current remote work vs. in-person work. M. Adamini stated that just about all of us are back in office and that the new space is working well.

J. Prince – Nothing additional

J. Sonderegger – Nothing additional

13. **Enterprise Risk Management Discussion (Closed Session):**

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)(y) of the Freedom of Information Act which exempts from public disclosure “records or information of measures designed to protect the security or safety of the municipal electric system and disclosure would impair the MBLP’s ability to protect the security or safety of the system. R. Niemi seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted;

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

No: None

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

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

No: None

13a. **Attorney/Client Discussion (Closed Session)**

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)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act which exempts from public disclosure records subject to the attorney-client privilege.

E. Angeli seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted;

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

No: None

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

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

No: None

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



Robert Niemi,
Vice Chair/Secretary