

# Marquette Board of Light and Power 10-24-2023 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 October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, beginning at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Present: John Prince, Chair  
Margaret Brumm  
Paul Schloegel  
Edward Angeli

Absent: John Sonderegger

E. Angeli made a motion to excuse J. Sonderegger from the meeting, M. Brumm seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

1. **Approval of the September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes.**

E. Angeli made a motion to approve the September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. M. Brumm seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

M. Brumm made a motion to approve the Bills Paid, \$ 2,623,810.06 and future cash commitments of \$ 3,624,613.30, as presented. P. Schloegel seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables.

3. **Public Comments:**

No public comment was made.

4a. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of MEC Cylinder Control Modules & Power Distribution Module.**

P. Schloegel made a motion to approve the purchase of MEC Cylinder Control Modules & Power Distribution Module from Wartsila in the amount of \$ 38,678.72. M. Brumm seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

4b. **Recommendation to Purchase of Building Signage**

M. Brumm made a motion to approve the purchase of building signage from Cook Signs in the amount of \$30,625.00. P. Schloegel seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

5. **Capital Projects**

- a. **Second Interconnection** – We have a signed property purchase agreement for the land that has been discussed in prior meetings; we are continuing to do our due diligence to ensure the property meets all our requirements before proceeding with purchase. Ongoing engineering for the project. T. Kopacz updated the Board on steel pole lead times. Discussion of project timelines followed.

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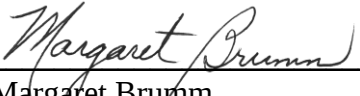
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- b. Hydro #2 Controls Upgrade – Project is completed, both wheels are spinning and producing.
  - c. Other – Nothing additional
6. **Executive Director Review**  
J. Price and the Board reviewed and advised that all performance evaluation forms were positive regarding Executive Director Tom Carpenter's performance. J. Prince and the Board spoke to T. Carpenter's abilities as the Executive Director of the MBLP. T. Carpenter thanked the Board and thanked all the staff for the work they do for the MBLP.
7. **Recognition of Board Member**  
T. Carpenter congratulated Board member E. Angeli on his successful completion of a second term on the Board of the Marquette Board of Light & Power. J. Prince thanked E. Angeli for his time and effort on the Board, along with his past terms served. E. Angeli spoke to his time on the Board and everything he has learned in the process. E. Angeli was presented with a plaque for his time served on the Board.
8. **Financial Discussion – Manager of Accounting, Tobias Smith:**  
Manager of Accounting, Tobias Smith presented the Interim Operating Statement for the month ending September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five-Year History, Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget, and Investments.
9. **Public Comments:**  
Dave Campana – Thanked E. Angeli on behalf of the residents of Marquette on a job well done while serving on the Board.
10. **Any Additional Business the Executive Director Wishes to Present:**  
Informed the Board of an outage we recently had, a garbage truck made contact with the utility lines, approximately 1800 customers were without service for around an hour.  
  
T. Carpenter informed the Board we recently had an unannounced OSHA inspection, we will be receiving a report in the coming weeks.
11. **Any Additional Business the Board Members Wish to Present:**  
  
M. Brumm – Nothing additional  
  
E. Angeli – Spoke about his time on the Board and his experiences, along with the improvements the utility has made through the years.  
  
P. Schloegel – Thanked E. Angeli for his service and mentioned that it is individuals like him that make sure that communities such as ours are as great as they are.

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J. Prince – Thanked E. Angeli for his service and remarked on how E. Angeli has been an asset to the community and the BLP in all his years of service.

12. **Adjournment:**  
The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

  
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Margaret Brumm,  
Vice Chair/Secretary