

# Marquette Board of Light and Power 10-26-2021 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 October 26<sup>th</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  
J. Irby  
John Sonderegger

Absent: None

T. Carpenter asked to add item 7a. - GreatBlue customer survey discussion to the agenda. R Niemi made motion to approve the agenda as amended. E. Angeli Seconded the motion, the Board unanimously approved.

1. **Approval of the September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes**

E. Angeli made a motion to accept the September 28<sup>th</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 \$ 1,388,103.60. 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 Purchase of MEC Fuel Injection Valves**

J. Irby made a motion to approve the purchase of a complete spare set of MEC Fuel Injection Valves from Wartsila in the amount of \$127,187.07. R. Niemi seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

5. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of AMI SD Meters**

E. Angeli made a motion to approve the purchase of AMI SD Meters from RESCO in the amount of \$ 67,554.00. J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

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### 6. **Capital Projects**

a. **Second Interconnection** – In a holding pattern, waiting on some recommendations from our consultant. Once the information comes back from the consultant we should have something we can bring to the Board.

b. **Shiras Demolition** – Nearly done, front of the building is starting to come down, turbines have been pulled from their pedestals. Everything looks to be moving along according to plan.

e. **Other** – Nothing additional

### 7. **Financial Discussion – CFO, Mark Link:**

Chief Financial Officer, Mark Link presented the Interim Operating Statement for the month ending September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five-Year History, Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget, and Investments.

### 7a. **GreatBlue Customer Survey Discussion**

T. Carpenter presented the Board with information relating to a survey of our customers. This survey would provide valuable insight as to the public perception of the MBLP, along with gathering important information regarding future electrical use, such as increased demand that could be created from the purchase of Electric Vehicles.

### 8. **Executive Director Annual 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.

### 9. **Recognition of Board Member Term Completion**

T. Carpenter congratulated Board member J. Irby on his successful completion of second term on the Board of the Marquette Board of Light & Power. T. Carpenter also spoke to J. Irby's involvement in the community and many roles he has filled. J. Irby appreciated T. Carpenter's comments and spoke to his time on the Board. J. Prince thanked J. Irby for his time and effort on the Board. J. Irby was presented with a plaque for his time served on the Board.

### 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:**

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R. Niemi – Thanked J. Irby for his efforts and his time on the Board.

E. Angeli – Thanked J. Irby for his time and efforts on the Board.

J. Prince – Inquired with K. Downs & C. Nelson regarding the Hiawatha Music Co-Op's inquiry. K. Downs stated that him & T. Smith met with them to discuss some options and it was a productive discussion that they are now reviewing to figure out what their best option is. J. Prince spoke to the wonderful staff here at the MBLP. He wanted the staff to know all the work throughout the utility is appreciated and that the hard work it takes to keep the utility successful does not go unnoticed.

J. Irby – Nothing additional.

J. Sonderegger – Echoed comments from the rest of the Board members regarding T. Carpenters performance as the Executive Director.

### **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.



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Robert Niemi,  
Vice Chair/Secretary