Marquette Board of Light and Power 11-30-2021 MINUTES
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A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on November 30th, 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.

Deputy City Clerk Rachael Quayle announced elections for the Board Chair and Vice-Chair/Secretary. Elections were held for the two positions: John Prince was unanimously voted as Chair and Robert Niemi was unanimously voted as Vice-Chair/Secretary.

Present: John Prince, Chair
Robert Niemi, Vice Chair/Secretary
Ed Angeli
Paul Schloegel

Absent: John Sonderegger

E. Angeli made a motion to excuse J. Sonderegger from the November 30th, 2021 MBLP Board Meeting, R. Niemi Seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

T. Carpenter asked to add 5a. to the agenda, Wartsila Field Support Engineer Extension. R. Niemi made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, E. Angeli seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

1. **Approval of the October 26th, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes**
   E. Angeli made a motion to accept the October 26th, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. P. Schloegel seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**
   E. Angeli made a motion to approve the Bills Payable, as presented, totaling $ 727,173.80. R. Niemi seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables as presented.

3. **Public Comments:**

   Dave Thompson – 3152 Island Beach Rd. (Write-in, See Attached)

4. **Recommendation to Adopt the 2022 Board Meeting Schedule**
   E. Angeli made a motion to adopt the 2022 Board Meeting Schedule with the adjusted dates of February 15th, November 29th, & December 20th. P. Schloegel seconded the motion, the Board unanimously approved.

5. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Glycol for MEC Engines**
E. Angeli made a motion to approve the purchase of monopropyplene glycol from E. H. Wolfe in the amount of $27,241.50. R. Niemi seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

5a. **Recommendation to Authorize Wartsila Field Support Engineer Extension**
R. Niemi made a motion to authorize Wartsila Field Support Engineer Extension from Wartsila in the amount of $11,042.03. E. Angeli seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

6. **EO Program Discussion**
Manager of Utility Planning & Projects B. Collins presented information to the Board regarding possible directions the Board of Light & Power can take with the Energy Optimization Program. Discussion followed.

7. **Capital Projects**

a. Second Interconnection – New route is under review, T. Carpenter is hoping to arrange meetings with each one of the Board members to go over the new proposed route.
b. Shiras Demolition – Building is gone, North American Dismantling is finishing up and will plan on returning in the spring to finalizing the grading.
c. Other – Nothing additional

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

9. **Public Comments:**

Lisa Jahnke – 808 S Lake St.
Would like to thank the BLP for the timely cleanup, along with giving her husband something to watch for the past few months. She was hoping that there will be some public input once plans are being decided on what to do with the land that Shiras was on. Something along the lines of working with the Marquette Beautification Committee to come up with a plan. Lisa also stated that if he BLP is going to continue to hold meetings virtually and not allow foot traffic, that they improve the sound quality of the call, she was only able to hear and understand about half of what was being said.

Dave Thompson – 3152 Island Beach Rd
Echoed comments from Lisa regarding audio. Stated it was hard to hear and understand via the conference call.

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

T. Carpenter stated that we would look into and take care of the audio issues that was brought up during public comment.

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

R. Niemi – Stated that he would like to get the public back into the meetings as soon as practical. He also stated that anything we do with the EO program would be better than what has been done and that we should continue to move forward with it and adjust as needed.

E. Angeli – Stated that we should start moving on implementing the EO program and also stated that we have the ability to adjust as needed while implementing the program.

J. Prince – Thanked everyone who voted in the election, congratulated Paul and stated that it makes him proud to be part of this organization. Spoke to the EO program and that we should move forward and do what we can to help our customers that helped us become the utility we are today.

P Schloegel – Excited to be here and understands there is a bit of a learning curve and thanked everyone for the education thus far. Spoke to the EO program and keeping it simple at the start and to not think that anything is out of the picture, sometimes the simple things provide the best results.

12. **Attorney/Client Written Opinion**

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 held and the motion passed unanimously.

E. Angeli made a motion to come out of closed session, R. Niemi seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

E. Angeli made a motion to proceed with the attorney's recommendation, R Niemi seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Robert Niemi

Robert Niemi,
Vice Chair/Secretary