

Marquette Board of Light and Power 10-25-2022 MINUTES

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A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on October 25th, 2022, 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
Robert Niemi, Vice Chair/Secretary
Paul Schloegel
Ed Angeli

Absent: John Sonderegger

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

E. Angeli made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, R. Niemi seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

1. **Approval of the September 27th, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes and October 12th, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes**

P. Schloegel made a motion to accept the September 27th, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes and October 12th, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes. E. Angeli seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

W. Angeli made a motion to approve the Bills Payable, as presented, totaling \$ 1,720,768.20. P. Schloegel seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables as presented.

3. **Public Comments:**

Anne Donahue, 1614 West Ave
Member of UP Rowing Club, shared support for the proposal from the UP Rowing Club at a previous meeting to have a non-permanent structure for the storage and launching of small non-motorized boats.

Margaret Brumm, 404 E Magnetic
Inquired about the possibility of placing a giving tree in the lobby. This tree could have anonymous accounts that people could choose to take from the tree and make a payment on.

4a. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Fleet Pickup Truck**

E. Angeli made a motion to approve the purchase of 1 pickup truck from Fox Negaunee Chevrolet in the amount of \$ 42,479.00 and 1 pickup truck from Marthaler GMC for

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\$38,517.00, R. Niemi seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

4b. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Bucket Truck**

R. Niemi made a motion to approve the purchase of a bucket truck from Utility Sales & Service in the amount of \$ 410,759.00. P Schloegel seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

4c. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Service Truck**

E. Angeli made a motion to approve the purchase of a Service Truck from Utility Sales & Service in the amount of \$231,367.00, P. Schloegel seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

4d. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Digger Truck**

P Schloegel made a motion to approve the purchase of a Digger Truck from Utility Sales & Service in the amount of \$426,615.00, R Niemi seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

5. **Recognition of Board Member Term Completion**

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

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. **Capital Projects**

- a. **Second Interconnection** – With the recent outage T. Carpenter reiterated the importance of the second interconnection and the stability that it provides to the BLP system. T. Kopacz shared information about the recent outage.
- b. **Shiras Property** – T. Carpenter shared the intention to coordinated with the city in conjunction with their Master Plan efforts to better understand what the best use for the site could be.
- c. **Other** – J. Prince inquired about the insurance claim for the repairs on the MEC engine; J. Hendrickson and L. Hammill updated the Board on the current status of the repairs and insurance.

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8. **Financial Discussion – Chief Financial Officer, Mark Link:**

CFO, Mark Link presented the Interim Operating Statement for the month ending September 30th, 2022, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five-Year History, Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget, and Summary of Investments.

7. **Public Comments:**

Wayne Francis, 443 W Ridge St

Mailed a letter of support for the small boat storage and launch at the former Shiras Steam Plant property.

Margaret Brumm, 404 E. Magnetic St

Spoke regarding a skywalk that could be placed on the site of the former Shiras Steam Plant.

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

Nothing additional

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

E. Angeli – Stated that R. Niemi would be missed, and it has been a pleasure serving on this Board with him. Also spoke about T. Carpenter’s review and stated he appreciated the work that he does and how it gets done.

P. Schloegel – Thanked the crews for their work during the storm and spoke to the importance of the Second Interconnection. P. Schloegel also thanked R. Niemi for his service both on this Board and the City Commission

R. Niemi – Spoke to the importance of the City Master Plan and the opportunity that we have to utilize that property for the good of the community. R. Niemi also stated his support of the small boat storage and becoming a trailhead for the Hiawatha Water Trail.

J. Prince – Thanked R. Niemi for his service and the way that he approached being on the Board and that he will be missed. J. Prince spoke to T. Carpenter’s review and the good work that continues to be done here at the MBLP. He spoke to the people we have and the team that continues to be built under T. Carpenter’s direction. J. Prince also thanked all those that had a hand in the storm restoration work.

10. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.



Edward Angeli
Vice Chair/Secretary