

Marquette Board of Light and Power 03-29-2022 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 March 29th, 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

Absent: Ed Angeli
John Sonderegger

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

T. Carpenter asked to add item 10c. Recommendation to approve amendment to platted land. R. Niemi made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, P. Schloegel seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

1. **Approval of the February 15th Regular Meeting**

R. Niemi made a motion to accept the February 15th, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. P. Schloegel seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

P. Schloegel made a motion to approve the Bills Payable, as presented, totaling \$ 1,449,364.08. R. Niemi seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables as presented.

3. **Public Comments:**

No public comment was made

4. **Customer Survey Results Discussion**

Taylor Foss from Great Blue Research presented the results from the Customer Satisfaction Survey that was conducted over the past month. Discussion followed

5. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of #2 Substation Protective Relay and Controls Upgrade**

P. Schloegel made a motion to authorize the purchase of GRP Engineering & Commissioning in the amount of \$ 36,000.00 with a total project estimate of \$61,750.00. R. Niemi seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

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6. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Replacement Pick-up Truck**

R. Niemi made a motion to approve the purchase of a replacement pick-up truck from Fox Marquette Chevrolet in the amount of \$ 35,724.00. P. Schloegel seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

7. **Recommendation to Approve Truck Purchase Surcharge Amount**

P. Schloegel made a motion to approve the service truck surcharge amount for the new total amount of \$208,644. R. Niemi seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

8. **Recommendation to Approve Cyber Penetration Testing**

R. Niemi made a motion to approve Cyber Penetration Testing to VDA Labs in the amount of \$ 15,725.00. P. Schloegel seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

9. **Recommendation to Approve Second Interconnection Geotechnical Services**

P. Schloegel made a motion to approve the Second Interconnection Geotechnical Services to GEI Consultants in the amount of \$113,350.00. R. Niemi seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

10. **Capital Projects**

- a. **Second Interconnection** – B. Collins updated the Board on the next steps, location staking has been completed, but some slight adjustments may still be done. Transformer bids are expected back at the end of the month; we may need to schedule a special meeting to approve those bids. The preliminary substation layout has been completed.
- b. **Shiras Demolition** – We are working to schedule a work session to discuss the future of the property. J. Hendrickson updated the Board on the status of the demotion and where we are with the budget on the project.
- c. **Other** – Attorney L. Reilly updated the board on a request to amend a platt in Chocolay Township (Note: anytime someone wishes to change a plat in the state of Michigan, they need to bring legal action to the utilities.) L. Reilly recommends the Board approve the Consent Judgement based on the neutral effect it will have on the MBLP. R. Niemi made a motion to authorize L. Reilly to move forward with the consent judgment (platt amendment), P. Schloegel seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

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11. **Financial Discussion – CFO, Mark Link:**

Chief Financial Officer, Mark Link presented the Interim Operating Statement for the month ending February 28th, 2022, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five-Year History, and Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget.

12. **Public Comments:**

No public comment was made.

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

Nothing additional.

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

P Schloegel – Inquired about a recent outage. T. Carpenter updated the Board and stated it was an equipment malfunction that triggered an outage at the substation.

R. Niemi – Nothing additional

J. Prince – Inquired about our phone systems relating to outages, M. Link updated the Board on the current state of the system. J. Prince inquired about our EO Program, T. Smith gave a brief update regarding the state EO program and stated we are continuing to evaluate options.

15. **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.



Robert Niemi,
Vice Chair/Secretary