

Marquette Board of Light and Power 01-24-2023 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 January 24th, 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
Edward Angeli, Vice Chair/Secretary
Paul Schloegel
Margaret Brumm
John Sonderegger

Absent: None

M. Brumm made a request to add introductions of staff to the agenda after the first public comment section; J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the agenda as amended.

1. **Approval of the December 20th, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes**

E. Angeli made a motion to accept the December 20th, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. M. Brumm 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, \$1,830,452.76. J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables as presented.

3. **Public Comments:**

William Allen - 2306 Fitch Ave
Sophomore studying entrepreneurship at NMU, attending as extra credit for class.

Justin Wank
Junior, studying marketing, attending as extra credit for class.

Carly Shrink
Sophomore, studying public relations, attending as extra credit for class.

Lexi Hagan
Management Major, attending as extra credit for class.

Eric Elliot
Entrepreneurship, attending as extra credit for class.

Garrett Swan
Junior at NMU studying management, attending as extra credit for class.

MBLP Employees & Board Members introduced themselves to the students in the audience.

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- 4a. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of MEC DC Ground Isolation Upgrade**
M. Brumm made a motion to approve the purchase of MEC DC Ground Isolation Upgrade from Wartsila in the amount of \$ 102,223.00, P. Schloegel seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.
- 4b. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of an HVAC System for the MEC**
E. Angeli made a motion to approve the purchase of an HVAC System for the MEC from Dressler Mechanical, Inc in the amount of \$ 44,500. J. Sonderegger seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.
6. **Capital Projects**
- a. **Second Interconnection** – Black and Veatch is working on the final detailed design of the route.
- b. **Other** – Nothing Additional
7. **Financial Discussion – Chief Financial Officer, Mark Link:**
CFO, Mark Link presented the Interim Operating Statement for the month ending December 31st, 2022, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five-Year History, Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget, and Investments.
8. **Public Comments:**
No public comment was made.
9. **Any Additional Business the Executive Director Wishes to Present:**
T. Carpenter spoke in regards to Innovate Marquette’s interest in leasing one of our buildings, “four plant”, that used to house diesel generating engines, but is no longer being used for that purpose. As of right now the building is being utilized as cold storage with the discussion of possibly demolishing the building in the future. Discussion followed; the Board expressed an interest in staff continuing to research the details that would be involved with an arrangement such as this.
10. **Any Additional Business the Board Members Wish to Present:**
- E. Angeli – Nothing Additional
- P Schloegel – Inquired with T. Carpenter about the Energy Optimization statistics that were shared with the Board. T. Carpenter expanded on how Energy Optimization is changing the energy loads the MBLP is experiencing. Thanked the students that attended and wished them luck going forward.
- M. Brumm – Pointed out that the MBLP was able to deliver additional power when called upon, above and beyond the needs of our customers, she said it show that Marquette has a robust infrastructure that we continue to invest in.

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J. Prince – Thanked the students that attended.

J. Sonderegger – Nothing additional

10. **Adjournment:**
The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.



Edward Angeli,
Vice Chair/Secretary