

## MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on July 14, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room at 2200 Wright St., Marquette, MI 49855.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance the meeting was called to order.

**Present:** Richard J. Goodney, Chair  
Carolyn M. Piirala, Secretary/Vice Chair  
Kenneth C. Wanberg  
Edward M. Angeli  
John L. Sonderegger

**Absent:** None

It was moved by E. Angeli, seconded by K. Wanberg and unanimously carried to approve the June 30, 2009 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Following a discussion it was moved by K. Wanberg, seconded by J. Sonderegger and unanimously carried to approve the Accounts Payable totaling \$465,046.92. E. Angeli questioned an invoice from Marquette Fence and for Pine Hill services. Superintendent of Production John Reynolds responded the charges from Marquette Fence were for the installation of a temporary discharge fence in early spring. Executive Director Kirby Juntila responded the Pine Hill services are for required water sampling at the utility's former landfill site.

1. **Additions or Corrections to the Agenda.**

There were no additions/corrections to the Agenda. JW, RG as presented.

2. **Citizen Comment.**

No comments were received from citizens.

3. **Recommendation to Authorize MERS Meeting Delegates.**

It was moved by K. Wanberg, seconded by E. Angeli and unanimously carried to authorize MERS Meeting Delegates Employee Delegate Kevin Downs and Alternate Employee Delegate Tom Skewis and Officer Delegate Kirby Juntila and Officer Delegate Alternate Paul Kitti. The annual MERS meeting is September 15-17 in Grand Rapids.

4. **Recommendation to Authorize Upgrade of Financial Software.**

On a motion by J. Sonderegger, seconded by K. Wanberg and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the upgrade of Financial Software to SVA Consulting totaling \$7,500. Director of Human Resources and Administration Paul Kitti said SVA Consulting is the current software provider. Board members C. Piirala and R. Goodney commented on the longevity of the software, the importance of providing training on the new software, and the learning curve associated with new computer software. Executive Director Kirby Juntila added due to the age of the software the provider was discontinuing its support of

the product.

5. **Recommendations for Payment:**

- A. Repairs to 3A Bottom Ash Overflow Sump Pump.
- B. Fence Extension at Shiras Water Discharge Channel.
- C. No. 3 Dam Maintenance Repairs.

It was moved by K. Wanberg, seconded by E. Angeli and unanimously carried to authorize payment totaling \$6,668.82 to Northern Machining & Repair, Inc. for its repairs to the Unit 3A Bottom Ash Overflow Sump Pump.

On a motion by E. Angeli, seconded by C. Piirala and unanimously carried, the Board authorized payment totaling \$3,744 to Marquette Fence Company, Inc. for extending the fence along the cooling water discharge channel.

It was moved by K. Wanberg, seconded by R. Goodney , and unanimously carried to authorize payment totaling \$118,508 to Terrazzo Creations & Renewal for concrete restoration work completed at No. 3 Dam. E. Angeli questioned if all the concrete work has been completed? K. Juntila responded in the negative adding the balance of the concrete work will be completed in several weeks. He said the metal spillway needs to be sandblasted and painted and work on the intake structure is still ongoing. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission may also require some additional work. K. Wanberg said the work looks good. K. Juntila said the last time this work had been done at the site was 25 years ago and that Terrazzo performs quality work at fair prices. He said the cost of necessary maintenance work is estimated at \$245,000.

6. **Any Additional Business the Executive Director Wishes to Present.**

K. Juntila advised the Board: 1) he will be out the area on vacation for the next few weeks with his family but will be reachable by cell phone. P. Kitti will be in charge of administrative functions and J. Reynolds will conduct the July 28 Board meeting in his absence.

7. **Time for Citizen Comments.**

No comments were received from citizens.

8. **Any Additional Business the Board Members Wish to Present.**

K. Wanberg questioned the timeframe of bidding projects? K. Juntila said from writing the specifications to preparing a letter of recommendation to the Board is approximately three to four weeks. He questioned if plans include sending out bids for a heat source for the No. 3 Hydro building in the near term and suggested using electric heat. K. Juntila said a decision on the type of heat source and installation schedule for the building has yet to be determined.

E. Angeli said he was pleased that the utility had a vehicle in the Fourth of July parade and read the names of participants including those who helped decorate the vehicle: Stock

Keepers Jodi Smith and Margaret Cameron, Summer Laborer Ally LaFayette, and Journeyman Line Electricians Matt Berg and Steve Liberty. Parade participants included: Journeyman Line Electrician Travis Niemi and his son, Chase; Journeyman Line Electrician Pat Aho and his wife, Lucy; Smith, Cameron and her son, Travis; and his friends Allister and Justin Hederson, Plant Journeyman Maintenance Man Doug McMahon's son, Kyle; and Amanda Swanson, daughter of retirees Crystal and Bob Swanson.

C. Piirala wished K. Juntala a safe and relaxing trip. She commented positively on the utility's participation in the Fourth of July parade.

9. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

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Carolyn M. Piirala,  
Vice Chair/Secretary

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