MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on January 12, 2010.

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

Present: Karen Kimar Johnson
Kenneth C. Wanberg
Edward M. Angeli
John L. Sonderegger
John H. Prince
Absent: None

On a motion by K. Wanberg, seconded by J. Prince, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the December 29, 2009 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Following a discussion it was moved by K. Kimar Johnson , seconded by K. Wanberg and unanimously carried to approve the Accounts Payable totaling $510,883.47.
J. Prince questioned if the brushing work at the dam was complete and who were the recipients of gift certificates? K. Juntila said the brushing work is complete and employees received the nominal certificates. Superintendent of Distribution David Lynch said the contribution to the Line Technician School is the fourth payment of a four-year commitment. Board Chair E. Angeli questioned installation of a vehicle remote starter and replacement of a computer board? D. Lynch responded the automatic starter was installed on a new pickup truck used by the on-call Journeyman Line Electricians to enhance response times. K. Juntila said the Unit No. 2 coal feeders are controlled by computer and one of the control boards failed and needed to be replaced.

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

K. Juntila said former Board member Carolyn Piirala was in attendance and asked that her plaque presentation by added as Agenda Item 1-A.

1.-A. **Presentation to Former Board Member Carolyn Piirala**.

K. Juntila thanked Carolyn Piirala for her service to the Board and community from 2003 through October, 2009. He listed Board accomplishments during her tenure including the Board's decision to restore the Tourist Park Dam, an agreement to enter into a contract with Renew fuel to burn biomass cubes in Unit No. 2, and authorization to proceed with a $3 million Automatic Meter Reading Smart Meter/Smart Grid program to save utility customers and the utility money. C. Piirala served as Vice Chair/Secretary for two terms. He complimented her for her tremendous support of the utility and for the passion and integrity she brought to the Board. C. Piirala said she now realizes what an important decision it had to make to hire a replacement for former Executive Director David

Hickey who died of cancer and that K. Juntila was the right choice for the job. Chair E. Angeli thanked Carolyn for her service on the Board.

2. **Time for Citizen Comment.**

No comments were received from citizens.

3. **Recommendations for Payment:**

A. Unit No. 3 Flame Scanner System Inspection.
B. Board of Consultants Invoice.
C. Board of Consultants Invoice.
D. Retention Pond water Hauling.

It was moved by J. Sonderegger, seconded by K. Wanberg, and unanimously carried to authorize payment to Hamworthy Peabody totaling $4,031.39 for on-site field engineering for an inspection of the Unit No. 3 Boiler Flame Scanner System. K. Wanberg commented he didn't agree with the invoice markup charges. Controller/Accountant Lon Laken responded it is common for companies to charge a markup on services provided. J. Prince questioned if this field service work was associated with the Board's recent approval of new fan installation? Superintendent of Production John Reynolds responded in the affirmative. He said the fans are currently being installed to determine if they will keep the scanner lenses clean. J. Prince questioned if the test setup was temporary? J. Reynolds responded in the affirmative. E. Angeli commented he understands the markup charges but doesn't agree with them being assessed.

On a motion by K. Wanberg, seconded by J. Prince and unanimously carried, the Board authorized payment totaling $5,346.25 to Ayres Associates for Ellen Faulkner's participation on the Board of Consultants (BOC) as required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to review the final draft design of the Tourist Park Dam and Potential Failure Mode Analysis (PFMA). J. Prince questioned if the BOC pre-reviewed AECOM's proposed design? K. Juntila responded in the affirmative. He asked if the BOC finds errors/emissions in AECOM's design are those charges included or are they considered additional charges? K. Juntila said the BOC recommended a minor foundation change which will result in a slight modification to the design and additional charges by AECOM will be assessed.

It was moved by K. Wanberg, seconded by E. Angeli and unanimously carried to authorize payment to Ken Hansen for his participation on the Board of Consultants as required by FERC totaling $8,867.31.

On a motion by J. Prince, seconded by K. Wanberg and unanimously carried, the Board authorized payment to M.J. VanDamme Trucking, Inc. totaling $5,677.50 for costs associated with hauling/disposing of 240,000 gallons of process water from the water retention pond due to storm events during the Unit No. 3 outage. J. Prince questioned if these charges were associated with the recent Board approval of an invoice from the

city's Wastewater Treatment Facility? K. Juntila responded in the affirmative. E. Angeli questioned if separate invoices for the same project could be approved concurrently by the Board? L. Laken responded in the negative as the Board only meets twice a month which would negatively impact the timely paying of invoices. K. Juntila said as the invoices are discussed for payment by the Board he will let the Board know if there will be additional invoices associated with the work/project.

4. **Recommendation to Award Unit No. 3 Boiler Control System Service Agreement.**

It was moved by K. Wanberg, seconded by J. Prince, and unanimously carried to award the Unit No. 3 Boiler Control System Service Agreement to Trident Automation, Inc. totaling $13,176. Trident Automation is the Midwest representative for Siemens-Moore, the software supplier for Unit No. 3's Boiler Control System. K. Kimar Johnson questioned if additional trips are required is the cost extra? J. Reynolds responded in the affirmative. J. Prince asked if staff was satisfied with the service they provide? J. Reynolds responded in the affirmative adding they have provided very good service since the inception of the service agreement 7-8 years ago. .

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

K. Juntila advised the Board: 1). During the next few meetings staff will present various departmental presentations regarding strategic planning and progress made. Controller/Accountant Lon Laken will give a financial presentation later tonight in a work session followed by a Human Resources presentation by Director of Human Resources and Administration Paul Kitti at the next meeting. Future presentations will include an AMI presentation by Superintendent of Distribution David Lynch and an IT presentation by IT Administrator Susan Wickstrom. He said the presentations will provide new Board members with a good overview of the business and is also beneficial to staff; 2). Staff will meet with Renewafuel representatives tomorrow to discuss its plans/schedule for its biomass facility at the former Sawyer Air Force Base. A tentative biomass test burn in Unit No. 2 is planned in September, and; 3). Board volunteers are being solicited to help judge the electric safety poster contest. Board members participating will meet Tuesday, Jan. 19 at a time to be announced.

6. **Time for Citizen Comments.**

No comments were received from citizens.

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

K Wanberg questioned if a drawing of the proposed Tourist Park Dam is available for Board review? K. Juntila said he would get a drawing from consultant AECOM.

J. Sonderegger questioned when public comment on the Environmental Assessment will closed? K. Juntila responded on January 19, 2010.

E. Angeli thanked Customer Service Supervisor Yvonne Andersen for her efforts associated with the utility's Christmas Lighting Contest. He added he will be out of town for the 1-28-10 Board meeting.

8. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Work Session – Financial.

K. Juntila and Controller/Accountant Lon Laken outlined options being reviewed to finance the upcoming reconstruction of the Tourist Park Dam and the purchase of an Automated Metering Infrastructure Smart Meter to Smart Grid System. Future financial strategic planning requirements were also discussed.

The work session convened at 6:38 p.m.

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John L. Sonderegger,
Vice Chair/Secretary

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