MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on January 26, 2010.

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

Present: Karen Kimar Johnson
Kenneth C. Wanberg
John L. Sonderegger
John H. Prince
Absent: Edward M. Angeli

Vice Chair/Secretary J. Sonderegger will chair the meeting in E. Angeli's absence.
It was moved by K. Wanberg, seconded by K. Kimar Johnson and unanimously carried to excuse the absence of Chair Ed Angeli as he is out of town.

On a motion by J. Prince, seconded by K. Wanberg, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the January 12, 2010 regular meeting minutes as presented.

J. Sonderegger appointed K. Wanberg to serve as Acting Vice Chair/Secretary.

Following a discussion it was moved by K. Kimar Johnson, seconded by K. Wanberg and unanimously carried to approve the Accounts Payable totaling $579,444.99.

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

K. Juntila requested the addition of 5-D – Unit No. 2 Overfire Air Piping and 5-E - Unit No. 2 Woodchip Metering Feeder. It was moved by K. Wanberg, seconded by K. Kimar Johnson and unanimously carried to amend the agenda.

2. **Time for Citizen Comment.**

No comments were received from citizens.

3. **Recommendation to Authorize Corporate Banking Resolution.**

It was moved by K. Wanberg, seconded by K. Kimar Johnson and unanimously carried to adopt the attached Corporate Banking Resolution with Northern Michigan Bank and authorize the Vice Chair/Secretary to sign on behalf of the Board. K. Juntila advised the Board the new account will be an added convenience to the utility.

4. **Recommendation for Payment of Board Consultant Invoice.**

On a motion by J. Prince, seconded by K. Wanberg, and unanimously carried, the Board

approved payment totaling $6,600 to Richard Davidson of URS for his participation in a recent required Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Board of Consultants meeting.

5. **Recommendations to Award:**

A. Relative Accuracy Test Audit (RATA) for Unit No. 3.
B. SO2 Analyzer Replacement.
C. Concrete Foundation Blocks.
D. Unit No. 2 Overfire Air Piping.
E. Unit No. 2 Woodchip Metering Feeder.

It was moved by K. Kimar Johnson, seconded by J. Prince, and unanimously carried to award the Relative Accuracy Test Audit for Unit No. 3 to Interpoll Laboratories per their low proposal meeting specifications totaling $11,950. J. Prince questioned if Interpoll had conducted the testing previously? Superintendent of Production J. Reynolds responded in the affirmative.

On a motion by K. Kimar Johnson, seconded by K. Wanberg and unanimously carried, the Board awarded the purchase of one (1) Sulfur Dioxide Analyzer to monitor the flue gas from Unit No. 3 to Thermo Environmental Instruments, Inc. per their low proposal meeting specifications totaling $9,420.50.

It was moved by J. Prince, seconded by K. Kimar Johnson, and unanimously carried to award the purchase of foundation blocks for Unit No. 2's Renewafuel storage building to Associated Redi-Mix & Block per their low quote meeting specifications totaling $6,265. K. Wanberg questioned how the blocks would be used? K. Juntila responded the temporary storage area at the Plant will consist of a blacktop strip with the blocks to be used to create a perimeter which will then be tarped. He said the temporary storage will enable the afternoon shift to load the biomass cubes for burning after the coal has been loaded. J. Prince questioned if Associated will set the blocks and asked about the range of bids? J. Reynolds responded Associated will set the blocks and the difference in quotes was due to the different style of blocks quoted.

On a motion by K. Kimar Johnson, seconded by K. Wanberg and unanimously carried, the Board awarded the purchase of Overfire Air Piping for Unit No. 2 to U.P. Fabricating Company per their quote meeting specifications totaling $3,281. The project is an Improvement and Extension Fund expenditure. J. Prince questioned if the single quote received was within cost estimates? J. Reynolds responded in the affirmative. K. Wanberg questioned the air circulation? K. Juntila responded the air fan from Unit 1 will be used and truncated to supply air overtop of the fire for combustion efficiency. Plans are to take No. 1 bunker and conveyer the biomass cubes to Unit No. 2 and blend it with coal. The amounts being burned will be metered as required by the EPA and MDEQ and for Renewable Portfolio Standards.

It was moved by J. Prince, seconded by K. Wanberg, and unanimously carried to award the purchase of a Wood Chip Metering Feeder for Unit No. 2 to Processbarron totaling $27,500 per their low quote meeting specifications. The purchase is an Improvement and Extension Fund Expenditure.

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

K. Juntila advised the Board: 1). their participation in the annual Electrical Safety Post Contest judging was appreciated. He said the poster awards will be presented next Tuesday; 2). The Human Resources Department will present a work session at the next regular Board meeting; 3) the Noquemanon Cross Country Ski Race is Saturday and he encouraged the community to come out and support or volunteer at the races. He added the MBLP is a founding member of the event and that his wife, Deb, MBLP Electrical Engineer Tom Carpenter, and he are planning to compete. He said it is a great community event which fits in well with the strong health/wellness culture fostered at the utility, and; 4). an update on ongoing utility projects will be forwarded via e-mail to the Board later this week.

7. **Time for Citizen Comments.**

No comments were received from citizens.

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

K. Wanberg said he noticed a utility crew pulling wire at Founder's Landing and asked for an update. Supervisor of Engineering and Distribution Karl Benstrom responded the underground service is being replaced as it was damaged during installation due to the small opening and the amount of cable inside the decorative light poles at the site. K. Juntila said the lighting at Founder's Landing has been a problem since installation. The poles/fixtures were chosen by a citizen's committee and are not one of the standard poles/fixtures used/approved by the utility. The City has to pay maintenance costs which have been extensive and Superintendent of Distribution David Lynch continues to work with the City to find a retrofit that will alleviate the high maintenance expenditures. J. Sonderegger commented he was on the Board when the Founder's Landing fixtures were chosen and then Executive Director David Hickey was upset that a non-standard fixture had been chosen despite the Board's street lighting standardization program.

K. Kimar Johnson said she appreciates the electric industry publications she is receiving.

J. Sonderegger also commented on getting out and supporting the Noquemanon Ski Race Saturday and added the trail that crosses Board property is beautiful and he appreciates continued Board and utility support of the event

9. **Adjournment:**

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

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Kenneth C. Wanberg,

Acting Vice Chair/Secretary

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