MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on February 10, 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.

Board Chair R. Goodney noted all Board members were present.

Present: Edward M. Angeli
Carolyn M. Piirala,
Richard J. Goodney
Kenneth C. Wanberg
John L. Sonderegger

Absent: None

It was moved by K. Wanberg, seconded by J. Sonderegger, and unanimously carried to accept the January 27, 2009 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Following a discussion, it was moved by E. Angeli, seconded by J. Sonderegger, and unanimously carried to approve the Accounts Payable totaling $704,738.38. E. Angeli questioned the final payment to Hydaker Wheatlake? Executive Director Kirby Juntila responded the final payment was for the Substation Improvement Project.

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

Executive Director Kirby Juntila presented the addition of 3-A – Recommendation to Award Tourist Park Dam Structure Engineering Services. The Board concurred.

2. **Citizen Comment**.

No comments were received from citizens.

3. **Recommendations to Award:**

On a motion by K. Wanberg, seconded by R. Goodney, and unanimously carried, the Board awarded the expedited Retubing of Unit No. 2's Condenser totaling $192,825 to the Jamar Company per their low bid meeting specifications. E. Angeli asked for background on Unit No. 2's tubing. K. Juntila responded Unit No. 2 was constructed in 1973 and the tubing is now past its useful life as more tube leaks have been occurring impacting the reliability of the unit. He noted the upcoming Renewafuel Contract which calls for burning biomass in Unit No. 2 also requires maintaining the unit's reliability.

E. Angeli questioned the increased cost for expediting repair? K. Juntila said Jamar was asked to quote both prices to provide options when the repairs will be made. He added that depending on the availability and cost of purchased power when the retubing is scheduled, the expedited schedule may not be necessary. Superintendent of Production John Reynolds said the tubing to be replaced has salvage value which will be retained by the utility.

3-A. **Recommendation to Award Tourist Park Dam Structure Engineering Services.**

It was moved by E. Angeli, seconded by K. Wanberg and unanimously carried to approve contract with AECOM for Tourist Park Dam Structure Engineering Services.

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

K. Juntila informed the Board: 1). The Board has received a revised Renewafuel Contract for burning biomass in Unit No. 2. The revised contract contains previous protection language for the Board and has been reviewed by Board Legal Counsel Kenneth Seavoy. K. Juntila said he met with E. Angeli and J. Sonderegger who were not on the Board when the original contract was approved on 9-30-08. The project had been put on hold by CCI due to the downturn in the economy but is now proceeding It was moved by J. Sonderegger and seconded by C. Piirala and unanimously carried to approve the revised Renewafuel Contract. E. Angeli questioned blanks in the contract? K. Seavoy responded the blanks are typical and will be filled in before the contract is excuted by both parties. K. Wanberg commented on Btus outlined in the contract but said his questions had been answered by Assistant Director Bill Pyle. E. Angeli questioned ash limits outlined in the contract? K. Juntila responded contract parameters allow for modifications depending on how the biomass burns in the Unit. He added that CCI, the MBLP, and NMU are working with the Center of Energy Excellence to make the utility a test facility for biomass in Michigan. removal. C. Piirala commented although there are unknowns with burning biomass, it is exciting for the utility to be working toward becoming a test facility for the technology. R. Goodney said he is pleased that CCI is going ahead with the biomass project. K. Juntila said CCI hopes to begin biomass production in the third quarter of 2009.

5. **Time for Citizen Comments.**

No comments were received from citizens.

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

C. Piirala said she appreciates K. Juntila's e-mail updates to the Board and commented the Bay City tragedy which resulted in an elderly freezing to death would not happen at

the utility due to the many procedures and safety checks in place. She questioned a lawsuit filed by a shipping company. K. Seavoy said a judge ruled in the flood lawsuit that governmental entities have immunity and surmised that would be pursued by the Board's insurance company regarding the shipping company's lawsuit.

E. Angeli said he enjoyed the Poster Award Ceremony and thanked Customer Service Supervisor Yvonne Whitman for her efforts in making the event a success and its positive promotion of the utility. R. Goodney concurred.

7. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

8. **Work Session – Information Technology Initiatives.**

P. Kitti introduced Plant Electrical Engineer Tom Carpenter, Operations Supervisor Tom St. John, and IT Administrator Sue Wickstrom. The group presented a power point presentation on information technology initiatives and Plant employee training programs which utilize the computer network. The work session concluded at 7:08 p.m.

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Carolyn M. Piirala,
Vice Chair/Secretary

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