

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on March 25, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room at 2200 Wright St.

Present:

Thomas G. Humphrey, Chair
Carolyn M. Piirala, Vice Chair/Secretary
Richard J. Goodney

Absent:

Kenneth C. Wanberg
Craig G. Stien

The Board excused the absences of C. Stien and K. Wanberg.

On a motion by C. Piirala, seconded by R. Goodney and unanimously carried, the Board approved the March 11, 2008 regular session meeting minutes.

The reading of the Bills Payable was called and following a discussion, it was moved by C. Piirala, seconded by R. Goodney and unanimously carried to approve the payment of the Bills Payable totaling \$580,872.23.

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

There were no additions or corrections to the Agenda.

2. **Citizen Comment.**

No comments were received from citizens.

3. **Recommendations for Payment:**

- A. Unit No. 2 Grate Repairs.
- B. Coal Feeder Circuit Boards. to Lease Digital Mailing System.

It was moved by R. Goodney, seconded by C. Piirala and unanimously carried to approve payment totaling \$7,147.23 to D.K. Services Inc. for its repair to Unit No. 2's

grate. T. Humphrey questioned if the grate work has been completed? K. Juntila responded in the affirmative.

On a motion by T. Humphrey, seconded by C. Piirala and unanimously carried, the Board authorized payment totaling \$3,167.18 to Merrick Industries for the purchase of two (2) circuit boards for the Merrick Coal Feeders for coal feeder 3D.

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

K. Juntila advised the Board: 1). Unit No. 2 was put in service today and has been running well since completion of the grate work and grate clips replacement projects. Unit No. 3 will be taken off line this weekend for air heater cleaning, and; 2). Staff talked to the Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCo.) regarding its progress to rebuild Silver Lake. UPPCo. said the process is going slowly with submittals made to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for their review. Comments from agencies regarding hydro dam operations will be received as part of the rebuilding process. Assistant Director of Operations William Pyle updated the Board on the Tourist Park Dam rebuilding project. W. Pyle said FERC has approved the Independent Board of Consultants which consists of the same individuals who participated in the process several years ago. Consultant Gannett Fleming has provided a tentative project schedule that includes work beginning this spring culminating with potentially refilling the reservoir in 2010. Currently, the design of the dam is being completed which will provide cost estimates and determine the actual project schedule. Once the dam design is completed a meeting with the Independent Board of Consultants and FERC will be convened later this summer. An Environmental Assessment is also required. Other hydro work includes submittal of the Sunny Day Dam Failure Analysis of the Forestville Hydro Dam to FERC with an Independent Consultant inspection of the Forestville Dam scheduled late summer or early fall as required by FERC.

R. Goodney questioned if FERC is imposing more restrictions to operate hydro dams? W. Pyle responded in response to several recent dam failures additional studies are being required. T. Humphrey questioned who the agencies are that can submit comments during the rebuilding process? W. Pyle responded the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, US Fish & Wildlife Service, local Indian tribes, and the Michigan Historical Preservation Society all will have the opportunity to comment on the Board's Tourist Park project. C. Piirala commented she was surprised various environmental groups haven't expressed concern over losing a wetlands area when the Tourist Park Dam was destroyed because wetlands are protected in Michigan. W. Pyle responded agency comments are anticipated, however, their comments are more likely to center on the operating aspects of the dam. T.

Humphrey questioned UPPCo.'s rebuild timeline? W. Pyle responded they estimate a two-year rebuild timeframe.

5. **Time for Citizen Comments.**

No comments were received from citizens.

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

T. Humphrey said he had an inquiry from the Fourth of July Committee requesting printing a donation request on electric bills for the event and questioned the Board's policy? K. Juntala responded following discussions with staff and legal counsel funding solicitation requests will not be printed on electric utility bills for a variety of reasons including extra manpower and computer programming costs along with the difficulty in determining which groups would be allowed to solicit funding. K. Juntala responded the utility does support the Fourth of July Committee and other community events.

7. **Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Carolyn M. Piirala,
Vice Chair/Secretary

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