

## MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on April 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  
Edward M. Angeli  
Carolyn M. Piirala, Secretary/Vice Chair  
Kenneth C. Wanberg  
John L. Sonderegger

**Absent:** None

It was moved by E. Angeli, seconded by K. Wanberg, and unanimously carried to accept the March 31, 2009 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Following a discussion, it was moved by K. Wanberg, seconded by E. Angeli, and unanimously carried to approve the Accounts Payable totaling \$355,069.64.

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

K. Juntala requested the addition of Board Agenda Item 4 – Recommendation for Three Year Financial Sponsorship of LSCP Energy Task Force – and an Investment Work Session. It was moved by K. Wanberg, seconded by C. Piirala, and unanimously carried to amend the agenda.

### 2. Citizen Comment.

No comments were received from citizens.

### 3. Recommendations to Award:

- A. Unit No. 3 Exhauster Bearing Rebuild.
- B. Cleaning of Unit No. 3 Boiler Generating/Superheater Tube Banks.
- C. Coal System Tripper Deck Fire Protection System.

It was moved by E. Angeli, seconded by K. Wanberg and unanimously carried to award the rebuilding of unit No. 3's 3A exhauster bearing totaling \$3,088 to Alstom Power Inc. Alstom is the original equipment manufacturer of the bearing. E. Angeli questioned the bearing use and if it would impact operations while it is out of service? Superintendent of Production John Reynolds responded a fan draws air through the coal mill and over time the bearing, which is 25-plus years old, is showing signs of wear and causing excess vibration. He said there are three (3) other mills that will be in operation while the bearing is being rebuilt.

On a motion by K. Wanberg, seconded by R. Goodney and unanimously carried, the Board awarded the cleaning of Unit No. 3's Boiler Generating and Superheater Tube Banks to 1<sup>st</sup> Call Explosive Solutions, Inc. per their low quote meeting specifications not-to-exceed \$12,000. The cleaning will be done during the 2009 spring shutdown. E. Angeli commented on the quote differences. J. Reynolds responded 1<sup>st</sup> Call Explosive Solutions, Inc. is located in Wisconsin vs. ExPro which is a national company.

It was moved by J. Sonderegger, seconded by K. Wanberg, and unanimously carried to award the Extension of the Coal System Tripper Deck Fire Protection System totaling \$7,745 to John E. Green Company per their low proposal meeting specifications. K. Wanberg questioned where the tripper deck is located? J. Reynolds responded the deck is on the seventh floor. E. Angeli asked if the deck is heated? J. Reynolds responded in the affirmative.

4. **Recommendation for Three Year Financial Sponsorship of LSCP Energy Task Force.**

On a motion by C. Piirala, seconded by J. Sonderegger and carried, the Board voted to participate in a three year sponsorship of the Lake Superior Community Partnership (LSCP) Energy Task Force at a cost of \$2,500 per year. E. Angeli voted in opposition. K. Wanberg commented the electric grid is being enhanced in the southern third of the U.P and wondered if improvements will be made farther north? K. Juntala responded part of the American Transmission Company's (ATC) 10 year plan is to improve the transmission system into and out of the U.P. and Wisconsin with their current work focused in the southern U.P., but has plans to expand into the northern U.P. K. Wanberg questioned why the President and Michigan's Governor won't allow the use of state and national forests for the construction of electric services? K. Juntala said as the need for electricity increases the rules may change. E. Angeli questioned how many of the utilities on the task force are participating financially and how it will benefit the MBLP? K. Juntala responded ATC, the MBLP, and the Upper Peninsula Power Company are represented on the task force and that he didn't know if they had made a financial commitment. He added as the rules applied to the electric industry continue to change, task force membership will allow the MBLP to review and/or seize new opportunities to better serve MBLP customers. J. Sonderegger commented the LSCP is a solid, well-run organization. K. Wanberg commented that support of the task force regarding future wind technology will be beneficial to the utility.

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

K. Juntala advised the Board: 1). A conflict regarding the dates of the Board's budget work session has arisen. Following a discussion, the Board changed its first budget work session to May 19 and its second budget work session (if needed) to May 27; Senator Debbie Stabinow of Michigan is meeting with representatives of Wisconsin Electric to discuss energy in the state and will address the Marquette Economic Club. K. Juntala added he was invited to give an energy presentation by the Marquette County Republicans which was well received, and; 3) the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has approved the Unit No. 2 Air Quality Permit allowing for a 50,000 ton test burn of Renewafuel biomass fuel cubes. He said CCI, the parent company of Renewafuels, will be meeting in the near term regarding its plans to construct a biomass facility at the former Sawyer Air Force Base.

6. **Time for Citizen Comments.**

None.

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

E. Angeli questioned the status of the lawsuit involving the boat that was damaged near the Board's dock? K. Juntila said the utility is being represented by Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority which is in the process of collecting information regarding the incident. Board Legal Counsel Ron Keefe said the City has also been named in the lawsuit and is being represented by the Michigan Municipal League. K. Wanberg questioned if the channel/harbor depth is periodically checked and recorded? K. Juntila responded in the affirmative.

8. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6 p.m.

9. **Investment Work Session.**

K. Juntila and Controller/Accountant Lon Laken reviewed utility investment policy and answered questions of the Board. The work session concluded at 6:15 p.m.

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Carolyn M. Piirala,  
Vice Chair/Secretary

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