MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on April 28, 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
Carolyn M. Piirala, Secretary/Vice Chair
Kenneth C. Wanberg

Absent: Edward M. Angeli
John L. Sonderegger

On a motion by K. Wanberg, seconded by C. Piirala and unanimously carried, the Board excused the absences of J. Sonderegger and E. Angeli and they are out of town.

It was moved C. Piirala, seconded by K. Wanberg and unanimously carried to accept the April 14, 2009 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Following a discussion, it was moved by K. Wanberg, seconded by R. Goodney, and unanimously carried to approve the Accounts Payable totaling $592,363.66.

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. **Review of March 2009 Financial Statement.**

Controller/Accountant Lon Laken reviewed the March 2009 Financial Statement for the Board.

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

Acting Director William C. Pyle advised the Board Director of Human Resources and Administration Paul Kitti and Supervisor of Administrative Services Mary Adamini would give a brief presentation on a volunteer program for employees/retirees to donate blood. P. Kitti said Marquette General Hospital's Regional Blood Center is looking to increase its donor base and that he and M. Adamini had been working on a policy that would encourage utility employees and retirees to donate blood as part of the utility's Health/Wellness Program. M. Adamini said blood donors live healthy lifestyles in order

to be able to donate blood including avoiding caffeine and fatty foods, drinking lots of water, and eating foods rich in iron. The voluntary program will be on the employee's own time due to the convenient hours offered at the Blood Center. Conducting another Blood Drive at the MBLP's Main Office is also being discussed. P. Kitti added the program is a great way for employees and retirees to help the community and the region. R. Goodney said he is supportive of the plan which encourages healthy lifestyles and C. Piirala concurred adding from personal experience, a blood bank is a great idea.

W. Pyle said he had met with representatives of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Michigan Department of Natural Resources to tour the Tourist Park Reservoir and dam site. He said generally all parties are in agreement of the next steps in the process. He added more detailed design drawings and computer modeling for downstream water management have been forwarded to the FERC and the Board of Consultants for their review with a meeting to discuss the same tentatively scheduled in mid-June. He said a proposed general schedule for the restoration of the Tourist Park Dam includes completion of the Environmental Assessment in July with construction to begin next spring for a projected six-month time frame. The filling of the reservoir would be next fall. A filling schedule/process is being discussed. W. Pyle said discussions to date with the agencies have been positive. R. Goodney questioned if any project roadblocks have been encountered to date? W. Pyle responded in the negative.

5. **Time for Citizen Comments.**

Jerry Irby of 331 Mesnard St., Marquette said he is part of a committee that has been working to designate May 18 as Founder's Day in Marquette which will be an annual event. He said May 18, 1884 was the first time Peter White and Robert Graveraet set foot on the site and were met by Chief Kawbawgam. Mr. Irby said Governor Jennifer Granholm and the state representatives have been invited to attend the event. Audience member Heidi Simon commented she is related to Chief Charlie Kawbawgam. Mr. Irby encouraged everyone to attend the event.

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

C. Pirrala thanked P. Kitti and M. Adamini for their work to develop a voluntary blood donation network of MBLP employees and retirees.

K.Wanberg questioned the schedule for repairing the roof at the Tourist Park Dam Powerhouse? W. Pyle responded that work is expected to be done this summer. He added that water impounded above the dam will be pumped down to allow for concrete repairs and head gate repairs. K. Wanberg questioned the bidding schedule for the work? W. Pyle responded the concrete work is specialty work to be done by a FERC approved

contractor. General construction bids for the head gate and powerhouse roof repairs will be sent out this summer. K. Wanberg said he commended line crews for restoring power in extreme weather conditions several weeks ago.

R. Goodney welcomed the high school government students to the meeting.

7. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

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Carolyn M. Piirala,
Vice Chair/Secretary

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