

## MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on May 26, 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  
Edward M. Angeli

**Absent:** John L. Sonderegger

It was moved by K. Wanberg, seconded by C. Piirala and unanimously carried to excuse the absence of J. Sonderegger as he was required to attend a meeting of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners.

On a motion by E. Angeli, seconded by K. Wanberg and unanimously carried, the Board approved the May 12, 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 \$534,477.91.

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

Executive Director Kirby Juntila requested the addition of agenda items 3-D and 4-A to the agenda and a revised agenda item 4. It was moved by K. Wanberg, seconded by R. Goodney and unanimously carried to accept the amendments to the agenda.

2. **Citizen Comment.**

No comments were received from citizens.

3. **Recommendations for Payment of:**

- A. Installation of Ceramic Liners in Coal Elbows.
- B. Water Blasting/Vacuumping of Unit No. 3.
- C. Unit No. 3 Motor Reconditioning.
- D. Shiras Steam Plant Ash Pond Water Disposal.

It was moved by E. Angeli, seconded by K. Wanberg, and unanimously carried to authorize payment for the installation of Ceramic Liners in Coal Elbows totaling \$9,409.77 to Gundlach Champion. Gundlach is the only qualified contractor to perform these services. E. Angeli questioned the cost of the labor? K. Juntila responded the specialty work is approximately \$75 per hour.

On a motion by K. Wanberg, seconded by E. Angeli and unanimously carried, the Board authorized payment totaling \$28,628.75 to H2O Under Pressure Inc. for its Water Blasting/Vacuuming of Unit No. 3.

It was moved by E. Angeli, seconded by R. Goodney and unanimously carried to authorize payment totaling \$8,652 to Malton Electric for its Unit No. 3 Motor Reconditioning during the annual Unit No. 3 Maintenance Shutdown. E. Angeli questioned the longevity of reconditioned motors? Superintendent of Production John Reynolds responded the reconditioned motors are typically changed out every five (5) years. Depending on use and wear, some reconditioned motors may have to be replaced in three (3) years. R. Goodney questioned the number of quotes received? J. Reynolds responded three (3) quotes were received for the work.

On a motion by K. Wanberg, seconded by C. Piirala and unanimously carried to authorize payment totaling \$3,062.50 to the City of Marquette's Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Facility for the disposal of Shiras Steam Plant Ash Pond Water during the annual maintenance shut down. K. Wanberg questioned if the water was treated before being hauled? J. Reynolds responded in the negative. He said the Wastewater Treatment Facility tests the water. R. Goodney questioned if the Plant had the water hauled to the Wastewater Treatment Facility? J. Reynolds responded in the affirmative and added the bill for hauling the water was approximately \$800.

4. **Recommendation to Approve Change Order for Unit No. 3 Exhauster Bearing Assembly.**

It was moved by E. Angeli seconded by K. Wanberg and unanimously carried to approve a Change Order for the Unit No. 3 Exhauster Bearing Assembly totaling \$10,578.80 to Alstom Power Inc. Previously, the Board approved initial bearing repairs totaling \$3,088. Additional repairs totaling \$7,490.80 were required to repair a bent shaft. K. Wanberg questioned the lifespan of the bearings? J. Reynolds responded many of the bearings are 26 years old and are starting to need to be replaced.

4-A. **Recommendation to Purchase Protocol Gas.**

On a motion by E. Angeli, seconded by C. Piirala and unanimously carried, the Board awarded the purchase of Protocol Gas up to \$35,000 for future purchases. E. Angeli questioned what the gas is used for? K. Juntila responded the gas is run through the stack to ensure proper gauge calibration and then a live stack emission test is conducted. The gases are used for daily monitoring equipment audits and other required sampling. R. Goodney commented the testing frequency works well with bulk purchasing of the specialty gases.

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

K. Juntila advised the Board: 1): He spoke with City Manager Judy Akkala regarding a joint work session with the Board and asked Board members to check their schedules for

the week of June 15 at 5:30 p.m.. E. Angeli and C. Piirala both said they preferred to meet June 15. K. Wanberg commented he was available to meet that week. R. Goodney said he would check his schedule and K. Juntala said he would check J. Sonderegger's availability to meet. and will notify the Board.

6. **Time for Citizen Comments.**

None

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

E. Angeli questioned if the second budget work session would be needed? K. Juntala responded in the negative. He had obtained a copy of a Biomass Magazine and said the material was interesting. He added that free subscriptions can be obtained.

8. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

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Carolyn M. Piirala,  
Vice Chair/Secretary

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