MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on August 25, 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 E. Angeli and unanimously carried to excuse the absence of J. Sonderegger as he was required to attend another public meeting by his employer.

On a motion by E. Angeli, seconded by K. Wanberg and unanimously carried, the Board approved the August 11, 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 $429,490.11. E. Angeli questioned the cost of a crane rental. Executive Director Kirby Juntila responded the crane was used for repairs to the No. 2 Dam.

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

Executive Director Kirby Juntila asked that 3-C – Recommendation for Payment of Superheater Sootblower Parts – be added to the agenda. It was moved by K. Wanberg, seconded by E. Angeli, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda additions.

2. **Citizen Comment**.

No comments were received from citizens.

3. **Recommendation for Payment of:**

A. Board of Consultants Invoice.
B. Flood Inflow Design Finalization.
C. Superheater Sootblower Parts.

It was moved by K. Wanberg, seconded by E. Angeli, and unanimously carried to authorize payment totaling $7,780 to URS Corporation for Richard Davidson's consultant fee as part of the Board of Consultants required by the Federal Energy Regulatory. E.
Angeli asked that in the future URS provide a better breakdown/itemization of charges for Mr. Davidson's consulting fees. K. Wanberg agreed adding he questioned the amount of funds spent to date on the reconstruction of the Tourist Park Dam and asked for a breakdown of costs to date for the project.

On a motion by E. Angeli, seconded by C. Piirala, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized payment totaling $8,272.75 to AECOM USA Inc. for its consulting services to finalize the Inflow Design Flood (IDF) for the Tourist Park Dam. E. Angeli commented positively on their detailed invoice.

It was moved by K. Wanberg, seconded by E. Angeli, and unanimously carried to authorize payment totaling $3,481 to MidSouth Power Equipment Co.for its Superheater Sootblower Parts. E. Angeli questioned additional charges for shipping? K. Juntila responded shipping charges are typically billed separately depending on the urgency to receive the parts/materials. The freight charges will be below the $3,000 amount requiring Board approval.

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

K. Juntila advised the Board that: 1). Staff met with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission personnel from Chicago and Washington, D.C. to discuss the recently completed Environmental Assessment of the Tourist Park Dam Reconstruction Project. He said the meeting was insightful and productive. He said staff also met with City Parks and Recreation Director Karl Zueger regarding the Tourist Park Basin to review their plans at the site in conjunction with the dam reconstruction. He added comments from the various environmental agencies including the MDEQ, MDNR, and US Fish & Wildlife have been received and are being reviewed by the FERC. C. Piirala said it has been six (6) years since the flood and she is looking forward to seeing the environment at the site returned to its pre-flood condition. She commented on studies post-flood which don't reflect the previous environment. E. Angeli questioned the FERC review process? K. Juntila said the process is a public one. Comments are received from regulatory environmental agencies and the Board submits its plan for the dam reconstruction. The FERC looks at the comments and our plans and makes a ruling whether or not to allow the reconstruction and what will be required to restore recreational opportunities at the site. K. Wanberg questioned if tree removal will be conducted at the site this fall and asked how soon the work will be put out on bids? K. Juntila said the scope of the project is being discussed/determined and will be bid out by mid-October with an anticipated several weeks to completion.

5. **Time for Citizen Comments.**

No comments were received from citizens.

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

K. Wanberg questioned spending money to dig out the draft tube at the Tourist Park Dam site and then filling it in before winter only to have to uncover it again in the spring. K. Juntila said there are a number of things that have to be looked at prior to dam reconstruction including the draft tube which was last inspected in 1986. Due to the popularity of the area for walking/hiking it would be a liability to leave a large hole open through the winter and into the spring months while the cost to fill it in is minimal. The work and repairs being done at the site are all necessary for the reconstruction and are being scheduled and completed so as not to hold up the project in the spring.

C. Piirala commented on the potential danger of four-wheelers traveling at high rates of speed in front of the MBLP's Wright Street office with the reconstruction of Wright Street and asked what could be done to control the situation? K. Juntila responded the current route being used across MBLP property is due to the street reconstruction which will be completed by October. He urged caution when entering/exiting the parking lot.

7. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

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Carolyn M. Piirala,
Vice Chair/Secretary

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