MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on September 8, 2009.

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
John L. Sonderegger

Absent: None

On a motion by E. Angeli, seconded by K. Wanberg and unanimously carried, the Board approved the August 25, 2009 regular meeting minutes as amended deleting the discussion of a possible ordinance regarding watercraft use at Tourist Park.

Following a discussion it was moved K. Wanberg, seconded by E. Angeli and unanimously carried to approve the Accounts Payable totaling $520,936.29. E. Angeli questioned two invoices for lighting materials. Executive Director Kirby Juntila responded the invoices are for trial energy efficient LED street lights. K. Wanberg questioned invoices from Jack Cassidy, Menze Construction and Yellow Book USA. K. Juntila responded Mr. Cassidy is on the Board of Consultants required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding the reconstruction of the Tourist Park Dam and his fee was for a recent teleconference, the charges from Menze Construction was for the rental of a crane for work at No. 2 Dam, and Director of Human Resources and Administration Paul Kitti said the invoice from Yellow Book was for the utility's telephone listings in the directory.

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

Executive Director Kirby Juntila asked that 4-A – Recommendation for Payment of No. 2 Dam Maintenance/Repairs and 5 -- Recommendation to Award Engineering/Dam Design for Tourist Park Dam Reconstruction – be added to the agenda. It was moved by K. Wanberg, seconded by E. Angeli, and unanimously carried to approve the additions to the agenda.

2. **Citizen Comment**.

Mr. Lou Chappell of Marquette said he purchased a new energy efficient appliance from Household Appliance and said they are interested in participating in the Energy Optimization Program. K. Juntila responded the program is still in development and said he would note their interest.

3. **Recommendation to Authorize Purchase of Generic Service Time.**

It was moved by C. Piirala, seconded by K. Wanberg, and unanimously carried to authorize the purchase of eight (8) months of generic service credit by Mr. Rick Weesen to be applied to his Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) pension program.

Mr. Weesen will pay the total actuarial cost of the purchased time. E. Angeli asked for background on the request. P. Kitti outlined MERS' service time purchase plans based on actuarial estimates paid in total by the employee which requires Board approval. C. Piirala questioned the amount of service time employees need to retire? P. Kitti responded to receive an unreduced pension they need to be 55 years of age with 25 years of service. R. Goodney said the Board has approved previous requests to purchase service time on a case by case basis.

4. **Recommendation for Payment of Excavator Work at Hydro No. 3**.

On a motion by K. Wanberg , seconded by E. Angeli and unanimously carried, the Board authorized payment totaling $3,390 to Moyle Trucking & Excavating. Inc. for its excavator work at Hydro No. 3 in conjunction with the dam restoration project. C. Piirala asked if this company was associated with the Silver Lake fuse plug incident? R. Goodney responded in the negative.

4-A. **Recommendation for Payment of No. 2 Dam Maintenance/Repairs. – Late Addition.**

It was moved by E. Angeli, seconded by K. Wanberg, and unanimously carried to authorize payment totaling $46,607 to Terrazzo Creations & Renewal for restoration work completed at No. 2 Dam. E. Angeli questioned the budget year for the work? K. Juntila responded the work is for this budget yet which is from July 1 through June 31. K. Wanberg commented positively on the detailed cost breakdown provided.

5. **Recommendation to Award Engineering/Dam Design for Tourist Park Dam .**

On a motion by K. Wanberg, seconded by J. Sonderegger, and unanimously carried, the Board awarded the Engineering/Dam Design for the Tourist Park Dam to AECOM per their low bid meeting specifications totaling$151,400. K. Wanberg thanked Manager of Utility Compliance Erik Booth for his efforts on the dam reconstruction. R. Goodney concurred adding he was pleased the contract was awarded to a local firm. K. Juntila said work to repair/recoat the draft tube at the site is anticipated to be completed next week.

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

K. Juntila advised the Board that: 1). P. Kitti and Journey Line Electrician Steve LeBombard have been serving as members of U.P. Labor Council and were recently elected to co-chair the organization. He added that Attorney Laura Reilly who has worked for the Board is also a member of the UP Labor Council; 2). Superintendent of Distribution David Lynch and Supervisor of Administrative Services Mary Adamini recently completed the application and submittal documents for re-certification of the American Public Power Association's RP3 (Reliable Public Power Provider) program. K. Juntila said two (2) years ago they applied for the prestigious program and the MBLP was among only four (4) municipal utilities in the state to receive the RP3 designation and one (1) of approximately 80 municipal utilities out of 2,200 nationwide to receive the designation. The utility is hoping to achieve an even higher level with this year's

application due to additional employee training and programs provided, and; 3). he asked the Board to contact M. Adamini is they are interested in attending the Michigan Municipal Electric Association's (MMEA) Fall Conference, of which the MBLP is a member, in Marquette October 1.

7. **Time for Citizen Comments.**

No comments were received from citizens.

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

K. Wanberg questioned if a sign(s) should be erected at the current Tourist Park Waterfall to help prevent injury/accidents? Board Legal Counsel Kenneth Seavoy said signage doesn't prevent injury/accidents, but will alert the public to possible danger. C.Piirala concurred with erecting warning signage at the site. P. Kitti said the addition of signage would be an extension to the utility's current Risk Management Plan. K. Seavoy said the signage would indicate that the utility is aware of the situation and has taken steps to address it. J. Sonderegger said he hoped the signage would not detract from the beauty of the site. P. Kitti said he would coordinate the signage project.

E. Angeli asked utility personnel to watch for children while they are driving now that school is back in session.

9. **Closed Session – Labor Relations Discussion.**

It was moved by K. Wanberg, seconded by E. Angeli and unanimously carried following a roll call vote to go into closed session for a Labor Relations Discussion.

At 6:20 p.m. it was moved by E. Angeli, seconded by K. Wanberg and unanimously carried following a roll call vote, to return to regular session.

10. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

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Carolyn M. Piirala,
Vice Chair/Secretary

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