

## MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on October 14, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room at 2200 Wright St., Marquette, MI 49855.

**Present:**

Carolyn M. Piirala, Vice Chair/Secretary  
Richard J. Goodney  
Kenneth C. Wanberg  
Craig G. Stien

**Absent:** Thomas G. Humphrey, Chair

The Board excused the absence of T. Humphrey as he is out of town. C. Piirala will serve as Board Chair. D. Goodney was appointed to serve as Vice Chair/Secretary.

It was moved by C. Stien, seconded by K. Wanberg, and unanimously carried to accept the September 30, 2008 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Following a discussion it was moved by K. Wanberg, seconded by C. Piirala and unanimously carried, to approve Accounts Payable totaling \$830,770.98.

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

Executive Director Kirby Juntala advised the Board of a late addition to the agenda 4-A – Recommendation to Authorize Alger-Delta/MBLP Joint Use Rebuild Project. The Board concurred.

2. **Citizen Comment.**

No comments were received from citizens.

3. **Recommendations for Payment of:**

- A. Replacement of DC Power Panel at No. 2 Hydro.
- B. Unit No. 3 Turbine Parts.
- C. Unit No. 3 Boiler Tube Stock.
- D. Bottom Ash Pump Repair.

It was moved by K. Wanberg, seconded by R. Goodney and unanimously carried to authorize payment to DC Power Panel at No. 2 Hydro for the replacement of one (1) DC Power Panel totaling \$4,675. C. Piirala questioned why the work was not put out on bids? Executive Director Kirby Juntala responded the repairs needed to be completed quickly so the work was given to DC Power Panel who has done similar repairs for the utility.

On a motion by C. Piirala, seconded by K. Wanberg and unanimously carried, the Board authorized payment totaling \$12,667.72 to General Electric International, Inc. for the purchase of Unit No. 3 Turbine Parts for the annual maintenance shutdown of Unit No. 3. GE is the only known supplier of these turbine parts.

It was moved by C. Stien, seconded by K. Wanberg and unanimously carried to authorize

payment to Alstom Power, Inc. totaling \$11,233.70 for purchase of Unit No. 3 boiler tube stock including shipping charges in conjunction with the annual maintenance shutdown of Unit No. 3. Competitive bidding was waived as Alstom is the only known supplier of this tube stock.

On a motion by K. Wanberg, seconded by R. Goodney and unanimously carried, the Board authorized payment totaling \$14,638.68 to Rotating Equipment Repair for its overhaul and rebuild of Unit No. 3's Dewatering Bin Overflow Pump. Competitive bidding was waived as Rotating Equipment is the only known qualified regional repair facility for this type of pump. C. Piirala questioned the service life of a new pump vs. a rebuilt pump? K. Juntala responded the rebuilt pump consists of all new internal parts providing the same service life of a new pump.

**Recommendations to Award Sale of Scrap Copper:**

It was moved by C. Stien, seconded by K. Wanberg, and unanimously carried to award the sale of approximately 10,570 pounds of scrap copper to A&L Iron & Metal totaling \$20,223.60 per their high bid per pound of \$1.46/lb. for insulated copper and \$2.16/lb. for bare copper.

4-A. **Recommendation to Authorize Alger-Delta/MBLP Joint Use Rebuild Project.**

On a motion by K. Wanberg, seconded by C. Stien, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized a Joint Use Rebuild Project between the MBLP and Alger-Delta to rebuild the MBLP's existing overhead power lines along County Road 550 in Marquette Township at a cost of \$290/pole for a total of \$13,660. The cost for the MBLP to rebuild these lines would be approximately \$37,499.85. C. Stien questioned if a pole rental agreement will be drafted? D. Lynch responded in the affirmative due to liability.

C. Stien questioned the brushing cycle of the rebuild. Superintendent of Distribution David Lynch responded brushing costs will be shared equally by Alger-Delta and the Board. He said the MBLP can do the brushing and invoice Alger-Delta for half the cost.

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

K. Juntala advised the Board: 1). The annual Unit No. 3 maintenance shutdown is going well with the unit anticipated to be brought back into service Wednesday and Unit No. 2 has been operating well while the Unit No. 3 maintenance is being performed; 2) He attended the annual MMEA Fall Conference and has been named President of MMEA Board. The new MMEA Vice President is Peter Lark of the Lansing Board of Water and Light. He added the MMEA Board has formed a subcommittee to analyze the state's new energy bills and a summary of the new legislation and how it will apply to municipal electric utilities will be forwarded to the Board when it becomes available;; 3). Board consultant STS will be forwarding a submittal of additional information requested by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Board of Independent Consultants following a recent teleconference regarding rebuilding the Tourist Park Dam. A second conference call will be scheduled to discuss the additional submittal by the end

of October; 4). He congratulated Superintendent of Production John Reynolds and Plant Electrical Engineer Tom Carpenter for a job well done regarding the year-long Substation Expansion Project as it nears completion. The substation expansion was a major strategic planning project which will allow an expansion of Distribution services to improve system reliability while adding additional capacity, and; 5). He and D. Lynch will meet with City officials to discuss possible joint participation in the utility's Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project. The new electric meters can be retrofitted to also provide water billing information if the City decides to partner with the Board. K. Juntala added Marquette Township has also been contacted to ascertain interest in the water billing meter retrofit component.

6. **Time for Citizen Comments.**

No comments were received from citizens.

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

K. Wanberg questioned how the AMI signal will be transmitted back to the utility. D. Lynch responded the new meter initiates a signal which returns data to the utility via existing power lines. He added he read an article in a Green Bay newspaper which gave tips on how to trim trees safely near power lines and suggested the utility contact the local newspaper. K. Juntala responded another Board member had questioned current utility radio safety/energy conservation ads and copies of the current ads being broadcast will be forwarded to the Board. C. Stien added the ad contest needs to consist of safety and energy conservation.

8. **Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

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Richard J. Goodney,  
Acting Vice Chair/Secretary