MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on November 11, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room at 2200 Wright St., Marquette, MI 49855.

City Clerk David Bleau conducted the Oath of Office to newly-elected Board members Edward Angeli and John Sonderegger.

Present: Edward . Angeli
Carolyn M. Piirala,
Richard J. Goodney
Kenneth C. Wanberg
John L. Sonderegger

Absent: None

R. Goodney was elected Chair on the first ballot. C. Piirala was elected Vice Chair on the first ballot. D. Bleau conducted the oath of office for Chair R. Goodney and Vice Chair C. Piirala.

It was moved by K. Wanberg, seconded by J. Sonderegger, and unanimously carried to accept the October 28, 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 $531,403.88 with the exception of a bill from Closner Construction. It was moved by. K. Wanberg seconded by C. Piirala and carried to pay Closner Construction $270.90. R. Goodney abstained as he is employed by Closner Construction.

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

Executive Director Kirby Juntila advised the Board of a late addition to the agenda 4-F – Recommendation for Payment of Steam Plant Roof Repairs. A work session will immediately follow the regular meeting to provide orientation information for new Board members.

2. **Citizen Comment**.

No comments were received by the Public.

3. **Presentation to New Journeyman line Electricians Matt Berg, Chad Kauppila and Travis Niemi.**

Executive Director Kirby Juntila said in today's competitive market it is difficult to find and hire qualified linemen. The Board's participation in NMU's Midwest Skills Development Center Line School has been very beneficial to the utility as graduates with one (1) year of training have been previously hired as apprentices. Several MBLP retirees have served or are serving as line instructors at the school. Due to a number of veteran

utility linemen who were getting ready to retire or will be retiring within the next few years, the MBLP brought on five (5) apprentice linemen and tonight, three (3) of the five (5) have now achieved journeyman status having completed 7,000 hours of on the job training and classroom hours. Juntila said they have been outstanding apprentices and the utility looks forward to many years of service at the MBLP. Superintendent of Distribution David Lynch introduced Travis Niemi who was a graduate of the 2004 NMU Line School and was hired at the MBLP on February 21, 2005. T. Niemi earned journeyman line electrician status July 16, 2008. D. Lynch also introduced Chad Kauppila who graduated from NMU in 2001 with an Associate's Degree in Electrical Technology. He worked at the Shiras Steam Plant before entering the apprentice program and earned journeyman status on August 13, 2008. A third apprentice, who recently earned journeyman status, Matt Berg, was unable to attend due to the birth of his seventh child. D. Lynch added he was proud of all three new Journeymen Line Electricians and is looking forward to their future accomplishments and service to MBLP customers.

4. **Recommendations for Payment:**

A. Unit No. 3 Turbine Field Services.
B. Unit No. 3 Boiler, Fans, Air Receivers Metal Inspections.
C. Unit No. 3 Boiler Maintenance Cleaning.
D. No. 2 Dam Diving Services.
E. Unit No. 3 High Pressure Sluice Pump Overhaul.
F. Steam Plant Roof Repairs.

It was moved by J. Sonderegger, seconded by E. Angeli and unanimously carried to authorize payment to GE Energy for Unit No. 3 Turbine Field Services totaling $85,283.43. R. Goodney expressed his frustration over GE's per diem rates. K. Juntila said this specialized work is reflected in their per diem fees.

On a motion by E. Angeli, seconded K. Wanberg and unanimously carried, the Board authorized payment totaling $18,667 for Metal Inspections on Unit 3 Boiler, Fans, and Air Receivers by Acuren Inspection Inc. Acuren is the only known qualified regional inspection company.

It was moved by K. Wanberg, seconded by E. Angeli, and unanimously carried to authorize payment to Explosive Professionals totaling $9,442.50 for the cleaning of Unit 3 Boiler.

On a motion by E. Angeli, seconded by K. Wanberg and unanimously carried, the Board authorized payment totaling $6,400 to Diver Down Scuba Shop, Inc. for diving services performed at No. 2 Dam.

It was moved by J. Sonderegger, seconded by R. Goodney and unanimously carried to authorize payment to Rotating Equipment Repair, Inc. totaling $8,017.88 for its repairs made to Unit 3B High Pressure Sluice Pump.

On a motion by K. Wanberg, seconded by E. Angeli and unanimously carried, the Board authorized payment totaling $6,405.18 to Bell Roofing for its roofing repairs at the Shiras Steam Plant. R. Goodney questioned if Bell roofing was paid on a time and material basis? K. Juntila responded in the affirmative.

5. **Recommendation to Award Snowplowing Contract.**

It was moved by K. Wanberg, seconded by C.Piirala, and carried to award the snowplowing contract at the Wright Street Office/Warehouse Complex, Steam Plant, James R. Smith No. 2 Hydro Plant, and Penstock Access Road to Enright Construction based on their low bid meeting specifications totaling $22,185 for 2008, 2009, and 2010. E. Angeli questioned why the low bid was not accepted? D. Lynch responded the low bidder had been awarded the snowplowing contract several years ago but there were issues that were unsatisfactory. R. Goodney questioned if Enright Construction had been awarded the contract last year? D. Lynch responded in the affirmative adding they did an excellent job. R. Goodney said there were concerns with the low bidder's contract language too? D. Lynch responded in the affirmative. C. Piirala questioned the three (3) year contract? D. Lynch said the utility is looking at longer contracts for routine maintenance activities to achieve lower bid prices. K. Juntila said contractors often provided better pricing knowing they have the work for a longer period of time. E. Angeli abstained as his brother is an Enright employee.

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

K. Juntila: 1). Welcomed J. Sonderegger and E. Angeli to the Board. He said the staff and employees of the utility have great initiative and innovation and he is proud of where the utility has come from and where it is going. He added the Board has been very supportive of him and the utility and expressed his appreciation; 2). He said one (1) of the members of the Independent Board of Consultants who has been participating in discussions regarding the rebuilding of the Tourist Park Dam recently suffered a stroke and has resigned from the panel. K. Juntila said Assistant Director William Pyle received a list of approved hydrologists from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to find a replacement. He has submitted the name of Ellen Faulkner to FERC and is awaiting approval. E. Faulkner has done previous hydro consulting work for the Board and is knowledgeable about the Board's dams and the Dead River. Once FERC approval is received regarding a replacement on the Independent Board of Consultants, a second conference call will be set up to discuss additional information requested by FERC which was submitted by MBLP hydro consultant STS.

7. **Time for Citizen Comments.**

No comments were received from citizens.

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

C. Piirala asked staff to purchase a flag for the Board Room which was seconded by K. Wanberg and unanimously carried.

E. Angeli said he is looking forward to serving on the Board.

R. Goodney welcomed J. Sonderegger back to the Board after several years and welcomed new Board member E. Angeli. He said the utility was very fortunate to have three (3) well qualified candidates running for the Board and thanked Lou Chappell for his participation. He added the new Board members will enjoy serving on the Board.

9. **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

10. **Work Session -- New Board Members Orientation.**

K. Juntila gave a power point presentation on the operations of utility for the two (2) new Board members.

The work session concluded at 6:56 p.m.

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Carolyn M. Piirala,
Vice Chair/Secretary

The Minutes of the Marquette Board of Light and Power are on file at the City Clerk's Office, Peter White Public Library and the MBLP Main office at 2200 Wright St. The minutes can also be viewed at www.mblp.org.