

**A REGULAR MEETING**

Of The

**TRAVERSE CITY LIGHT AND POWER BOARD**

Will Be Held On

**TUESDAY, April 14, 2009**

At

**5:15 p.m.**

In The

**COMMISSION CHAMBERS**  
(2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Governmental Center)  
400 Boardman Avenue

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Posting Date: 04-10-09  
5:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

1. **ROLL CALL**

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson**

2. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

*The purpose of the consent calendar is to expedite business by grouping non-controversial items together to be dealt with by one Board motion without discussion. Any member of the Board, staff or the public may ask that any item on the consent calendar be removed therefrom and placed elsewhere on the agenda for full discussion. Such requests will be automatically respected. If an item is not removed from the consent calendar, the action noted in parentheses on the agenda is approved by a single Board action adopting the consent calendar.*

A. Consideration of approving minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 10, 2009.

B. Consideration of approving minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 24, 2009.

3. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Public Hearing for the Renewable Energy Plan and Energy Optimization Plan. (Cooper)

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

None as of April 9, 2009

5. **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

A. From Legal Counsel:

None as of April 9, 2009

B. Staff Reports:

(1) 2009 Customer Survey (Cooper)

(2) Viewing L&P Board Meetings Online (Dezelski)

C. From Board:

(1) Joint Study Session with City Commission on Monday, April 27, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Commission Chambers. (Johnson)

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**TRAVERSE CITY  
LIGHT AND POWER BOARD**

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Held at 5:15 p.m., Commission Chambers, Governmental Center  
Tuesday, March 10, 2009

**BOARD MEMBERS -**

Present: Linda Johnson, Michael Coco, Ralph Soffredine, Jim Carruthers, James Hoogesteger, Joseph Zimmerman

Absent: John Welch

**EX OFFICIO MEMBER -**

Present: Ben Bifoss, City Manager

**OTHERS:** Ed Rice, Tim Arends, Jessica Dezelski, Jim Cooper, Karen Feahr, Peter Doren

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Chairperson Linda Johnson.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Coco, that the following items, as recommended on the Consent Calendar portion of the agenda, be approved:

- A. Consideration of approving minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 10, 2009.
- B. Consideration of approving minutes of the Study Session of February 23, 2009.
- C. Consideration of approving minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 24, 2009.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Hoogesteger, that the Light and Power Board go into Closed Session regarding the Brewery Creek Condominium Association settlement strategy before Public Comment at the end of the meeting.

Roll Call:

Yes - Johnson, Zimmerman, Hoogesteger, Coco, Soffredine, Carruthers

No - None

Motion passed unanimously.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Moved by Carruthers, seconded by Soffredine, that the Board approve cancellation of all Green Rates charged to customers effective April 1, 2009; and further that those affected

customers be returned to the rate that would otherwise apply; and further that a public hearing be set for the March 24, 2009 Board meeting; and further that a public notice of the rate cancellation public hearing be posted on the utility's web site; and further that staff be directed to send a written communication from the Board Chair notifying those affected customers of the rate change, and thanking them for being pioneers in support of renewable energy initiatives.

The following individual addresses the Board:  
Gerry Harsch, 803 South Union Street

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- B. Moved by Soffredine, seconded by Hoogesteger, that in the best interest of the Light & Power ratepayers, the Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with R.W. Beck, Inc. for Professional Consulting Services for a cost not to exceed \$110,000 including expenses, for development of an Integrated Resource Plan; subject to approval as to form by general counsel; and authorize the Executive Director to administer amendments and change orders that are in the best interests of the Light & Power Department.

The following individual addresses the Board:  
Gerry Harsch, 803 South Union Street

Roll Call:

Yes - Johnson, Zimmerman, Hoogesteger, Coco, Soffredine  
No - Carruthers

Motion passes.

## 6. **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Legal Counsel Reports:

- (1) Peter Doren spoke re: the drafting of the Gray Substation contract.

Staff Reports:

- (1) Jim Cooper spoke re: Public Act 295.  
(2) Karen Feahr spoke re: Charlevoix Wind Farm.

Board Reports:

- (1) Member Coco spoke re: Quarterly All-Employee Meeting.

The Board went into Closed Session at 6:09 p.m.

The Board came out of Closed Session at 6:29 p.m.

Moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Soffredine, that general counsel is authorized to execute a stipulation to enter into consent judgment with Brewery Creek in the form and amount as presented to the Board.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one from the public commented.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Edward E. Rice, Secretary  
LIGHT AND POWER BOARD

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**TRAVERSE CITY  
LIGHT AND POWER BOARD**

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Held at 5:15 p.m., Commission Chambers, Governmental Center  
Tuesday, March 24, 2009

**BOARD MEMBERS -**

Present: John Welch, Michael Coco, Ralph Soffredine, Jim Carruthers, James Hoogesteger, Joseph Zimmerman

Absent: Linda Johnson

**EX OFFICIO MEMBER -**

Present: Ben Bifoss, City Manager

**OTHERS:** Ed Rice, Tim Arends, Jessica Dezelski, Jim Cooper, Karen Fehrer

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Welch.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Gerry Harsch, 803 South Union Street, requested that item 2.A. be removed from the Consent Calendar.

Vice Chairperson Welch placed the item under 3.C. for full discussion.

Moved by Soffredine, seconded by Zimmerman, that the following items, as recommended on the amended Consent Calendar portion of the agenda, be approved:

- A. Moved to Old Business 3.C.
- B. Consideration of approving minutes of the Closed Session of March 10, 2009.
- C. Consideration of approving minutes of the Study Session of March 17, 2009.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Vice Chairperson Welch opened the Green Rate Public Hearing.

The following individual addressed the Board:  
Gerry Harsch, 803 South Union Street

Moved by Carruthers, seconded by Soffredine, that the Board reaffirms its prior action to cancel all green rates effective April 1, 2009.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Member Soffredine left at 6:00PM.

B. Moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Coco, that the Light and Power Board support the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard and the Energy Optimization Plan as submitted.

The following individual addressed the Board:  
Gerry Harsh, 803 South Union Street

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- C. The next item being from the Consent Calendar, "Consideration of Approving Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 10, 2009."

The following individual addressed the Board:  
Gerry Harch, 803 South Union Street

No action was taken. The minutes will be presented on the next agenda for approval.

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Hoogesteger, that the 2009-10 Operating Budgets for the Electric Utility and Fiber Optics Utility as presented be approved, contingent on City Commission approval, and submitted to the City Manager for presentation to the City Commission for their consideration and approval.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- B. Moved by Coco, seconded by Hoogesteger, that the Light and Power Board continue to support TCAPS to fund the electricity and motor experiments program in the amount of \$4,500.

Roll Call:  
Yes - Welch, Hoogesteger, Coco  
No - Zimmerman, Carruthers

Motion did not pass.

Moved by Coco, seconded by Zimmerman, that the Light and Power Board support the Goodwill Inn's purchase of a new cooler/freezer unit in the amount of \$9,000.

Roll Call:  
Yes - Welch, Zimmerman, Hoogesteger, Coco  
No - Carruthers

Motion passes.

Moved by Coco, seconded by Hoogesteger, that the Light and Power Board support the Grand Traverse Conservation District's trail signage and solar lighting plan in the amount of \$5,725.

Roll Call:  
Yes - Welch, Hoogesteger, Coco  
No - JZimmerman, JCarruthers

Motion did not pass.

Moved by Coco, seconded by Hoogesteger, that the Light and Power Board support the Michigan Land Use Institute's development of a community energy efficiency guide in the amount of \$10,000.

Roll Call:  
Yes - Welch, Zimmerman, Hoogesteger, Coco  
No - Carruthers

Motion passes.

Moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Coco, that the Light and Power Board support the City of Traverse City's Lay Park improvements in the amount of \$15,570.

Roll Call:  
Yes - Welch, Zimmerman, Hoogesteger, Coco  
No - Carruthers

Motion passes.

Moved by Coco, seconded by Hoogesteger, that the Light and Power Board continue to support the Traverse City Cherry Festival senior events in the amount of \$5,000.

Roll Call:  
Yes - Welch, Hoogesteger, Coco  
No - Zimmerman, Carruthers

Motion did not pass.

## 6. **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Staff Reports:

(2) Karen Feahr spoke re: MPPA Board of Commissioners meeting.

Board Reports:

(1) Member Carruthers spoke re: magazine article.  
(2) Vice Chairperson Welch spoke re: Member Zimmerman's 20 year service on the Light and Power Board and thanked him for his contributions.

## 7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**


Gerry Harsch, 803 South Union Street

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m



TRAVERSE CITY  
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**To:** Light and Power Board  
**From:** Jim Cooper   
**Date:** April 9, 2009  
**Subject:** Notice of Public Hearing and Opportunity to Comment on Public Act 295  
Scheduled for April 14, 2009

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At the last Board meeting on March 24, 2009 the Renewable Energy Plan and the Energy Optimization Plan were approved. In accordance with Public Act 295 these were filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) on April 3, 2009.

A public hearing and comment period must also be held (see attached notice). Two public notices were published in the Record Eagle, a press release describing the procedure was sent out and two information articles were published by the Record Eagle. The plans are available at the Hastings Street office and for download and review on the L&P web site. Comments must be received by 5:00 PM on April 30, 2009. All comments that are received by mail, email, and at the Board meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup> will be sent to the MPSC.

The following notice will be placed in the Traverse City Record-Eagle and will be distributed to other news outlets.

### **Proposed**

#### **Notice of Public Hearing and for Opportunity to Comment**

The Clean, Renewable, and Efficient Energy Act of 2008 requires electric utilities in Michigan to develop and implement plans to:

- Obtain at least 10% of the electricity furnished to retail customers from renewable energy resources by 2015; and
- Reduce consumption of electricity by instituting energy optimization measures such as providing incentives to customers to use more energy efficient equipment and devices and instituting other energy conservation measures.

Traverse City Light & Power is developing a proposed Renewable Energy Plan and a proposed Energy Optimization Plan. Copies of the plans may be obtained after April 3, 2009 from Traverse City Light & Power's office at 1131 Hastings Street, Traverse City, Michigan 49686 or on our website, [www.tclp.org](http://www.tclp.org).

A public hearing to receive comments on the proposed plans will be held on April 14, 2009 at the Governmental Center, 400 Boardman, Traverse City, Michigan 49686.

Written comments may be submitted by mail to "PA 295 Comments" at Traverse City Light & Power, 1131 Hastings Street, Traverse City, Michigan 49686 or by e-mail by logging on to our website at [www.tclp.org](http://www.tclp.org) and clicking "contact us". Comments must be received by 5:00 PM on April 30, 2009.

Written comments will be sent to the Michigan Public Service Commission. A summary of oral comments presented at the public hearing will also be sent to the Michigan Public Service Commission.



TRAVERSE CITY  
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**To:** Light and Power Board

**From:** Jim Cooper

**Date:** April 9, 2009

**Subject:** 2009 Customer Survey

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The bi-annual customer survey is scheduled to take place in May. This will be facilitated by Northwestern Michigan College's Research Services Department. As in the past a number of the questions will remain the same in order to track trends or changes. All questions will be analyzed for relevance regarding Light and Power's strategic plan, customer opinions and services, and to determine the best ways to receive customer feedback and the delivery of information to them.



TRAVERSE CITY  
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**To:** Light & Power Board  
**From:** Jessica Dezelski *jd*  
**Date:** April 9, 2009  
**Subject:** Viewing L&P Board Meetings Online

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It has been an interest of the Board to have the ability to view Light & Power Board meetings online through our website. We now have a link to Northwest Michigan Community Media Center, managed by Land Information Access Association, to view recent City of Traverse City meetings, including Light & Power Board meetings. The link is located under the Agendas/Minutes section of the L&P website.