

**A REGULAR MEETING**

Of The

**TRAVERSE CITY LIGHT AND POWER BOARD**

Will Be Held On

**TUESDAY, July 28, 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: 07-24-09  
5:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**1. ROLL CALL**

**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 July 14, 2009.
- B. Consideration of approving minutes of Closed Session of July 14, 2009.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

None as of July 24, 2009

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Consideration of approving Memorandum of Understanding with the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians. (Rice)

**5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. From Legal Counsel:

None as of July 24, 2009

- B. From Staff:

- (1) Wind Farm Update - verbal (Rice)
- (2) Public Relations for Biomass Implementation - verbal (Rice)
- (3) Open House at L&P Service Center planned for October 10, 2009. (Rice)

- C. From Board:

None as of July 24, 2009

**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, July 14, 2009

**BOARD MEMBERS -**

Present: Michael Coco, James Hoogesteger, John Snodgrass, Ralph Soffredine, Jim Carruthers

Absent: Linda Johnson, John Welch

**EX OFFICIO MEMBER -**

Present: R. Ben Bifoss, City Manager

**OTHERS:** Ed Rice, Tim Arends, Jessica Dezelski, Jim Cooper, W. Peter Doren

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

Moved by Soffredine, seconded by Hoogesteger to accept the agenda as presented.

CARRIED unanimously.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Moved by Carruthers, seconded by Soffredine, 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 June 23, 2009.
- B. Consideration of approving minutes of the Closed Session of June 23, 2009.
- C. Consideration of approving minutes of the Human Resource Committee Meeting of June 24, 2009.

CARRIED unanimously.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Moved by Soffredine, seconded by Snodgrass, to offer a Second Letter of Understanding to the Light and Power Bargaining Unit that calls for a 2% increase to the current wage rates with an effective date of July 5, 2009.

CARRIED unanimously.

- B. Moved by Soffredine, seconded by Snodgrass, to go into Closed Session, immediately following Public Comment, to consult with general counsel regarding trial and settlement strategy in Brown Bark I, L.P. v Traverse City Light and Power Department, Western District Court Case No. 1:09-CV-572.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Coco, Hoogesteger, Snodgrass, Soffredine, Carruthers

No: None

CARRIED (Johnson, Welch absent)

## 5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

### B. Staff Reports:

- (1) Ed Rice spoke re: the MPSC approval of L&P Energy Optimization and Renewable Energy Plan filings.
- (2) Jim Cooper spoke re: Community Investment Fund.

### C. Board Reports:

- (1) Vice Chairperson Coco spoke re: income statements.
- (2) Commissioner Carruthers spoke re: newspaper article.

## 6. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public commented.

Meeting went into Closed Session at 5:36 p.m.  
Meeting came out of Closed Session at 6:12 p.m.

Moved by Soffredine, seconded by Snodgrass, that the Light and Power Board allow general counsel and the Executive Director to retain Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone as co-counsel in Brown Bark I, L.P. v Traverse City Light and Power Department litigation.

CARRIED unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

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Edward E. Rice, Secretary  
LIGHT AND POWER BOARD



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**To:** Light & Power Board  
**From:** Ed Rice, Executive Director   
**Date:** July 24, 2009  
**Subject:** Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians

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The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and Traverse City Light & Power have had a long standing relationship in their mutual endeavors to support and develop renewable energy concepts. The two organizations have previously signed a Memorandum of Understanding in 2005 to analyze and promote developing wind energy in the Grand Traverse Area. To further this relationship and the promotion of renewable energy concepts the two organizations now propose to expand their mutual interests in renewable energy to include wood fueled biomass combined heat and power electric generation. This will be accomplished through an additional (attached) Memorandum of Understanding that provides for the sharing of information for the development of wood fueled biomass generation in the Grand Traverse Area.

It is the recommendation of staff that the Board sign the Memorandum of Understanding as being in the best interests of the utility. If the Board is in agreement with this recommendation the following motion would be appropriate:

**MOVED BY \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY \_\_\_\_\_,**  
**THAT THE BOARD CHAIR BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF**  
**UNDERSTANDING OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN TRAVERSE CITY LIGHT &**  
**POWER AND GRAND TRAVERSE BAND OF OTTAWA AND CHIPPEWA INDIANS**  
**EDC REGARDING THE SHARING OF INFORMATION RELATED TO BIOMASS**  
**GENERATION INITIATIVES.**

**ATTACHMENT A**

**Memorandum of Understanding**

**Between the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians  
Economic Development Corporation and Traverse City Light and Power**

**For Sharing Biomass Power Plant and Energy Resource and Consumption  
Information and Participating In A Cooperative Biomass Plant Assessment  
Program.**

**Whereas** The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and Traverse City Light & Power have each been engaged in biomass heat and electricity feasibility studies to determine the specific nature of the biomass resources, site availability and specific locations for biomass plant energy installations in the Grand Traverse region; and

**Whereas** Each party has conducted biomass resource and site assessments under state and federal grant programs during 2005 to 2008; and

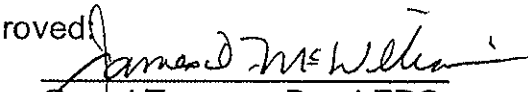

**Whereas** Under these programs a comprehensive Traverse City region biomass power plants assessments is being accomplished and many tasks might otherwise be duplicated in this analysis by each party; and

**Whereas** Both parties desire to have community based, community owned biomass energy installations that will be interconnected on the public electric grid in order to distribute the electric energy to each of the respective parties customers, facilities and homes; and

**Whereas** Both parties have citizens and Tribal members in adjacent and overlapping public jurisdictions; and

**Whereas** Both parties can assist each other in the project development tasks related to biomass power plant siting, interconnection and distribution of electricity; and

**Therefore Be It Resolved**, that a cooperative working relationship is hereby established to explore the potentially significant advantages of sharing biomass power plant assessment costs, consulting engineering services and other development tasks..

Approved:   
Grand Traverse Band EDC  
Date: 4-21-09  


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Traverse City Light & Power  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_