

**TRAVERSE CITY  
LIGHT AND POWER BOARD**

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Held at 4:45 p.m., Commission Chambers, Governmental Center  
Tuesday, January 22, 2013

**Board Members -**

Present: Barbara Budros, Jim Carruthers, John Snodgrass, Bob Spence, John Taylor, Patrick McGuire

Absent: Mike Coco

**Ex Officio Member -**

Present: R. Ben Bifoss

**Others:** Tim Arends, W. Peter Doren, Stephanie Tvardek, Glen Dine, Karen Feahr, Scott Menhart, Tom Olney, Rod Solak, Jessica Wheaton

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. by Chairman McGuire.

4:46 p.m. John Snodgrass joined the meeting.

There being no objection from the Board, Chairman McGuire amended the order of the agenda to consider "Reports and Communications" prior to "New Business".

As requested by Taylor, Agenda Item 2(c) was removed from the Consent Calendar for full discussion.

As requested by Mayor Michael Estes, Item 2(b), 2(d) and 2(e) were removed from the Consent Calendar for full discussion.

**Item 2 on the Agenda being Consent Calendar**

Moved by Carruthers, seconded by Taylor, that the following actions, as recommended on the Consent Calendar portion of the Agenda as amended, be approved:

- a. Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 18, 2012 and Regular Meeting of January 8, 2013.
- b. *Removed from the Consent Calendar.*
- c. *Removed from the Consent Calendar.*
- d. *Removed from the Consent Calendar.*
- e. *Removed from the Consent Calendar.*

CARRIED unanimously. (Coco, Spence absent)

**Items removed from the Consent Calendar**

- a. Minimum Cash Reserve Policy.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Tim Arends, *Interim* Executive Director/Controller

Moved by Budros, seconded by Taylor, that the Light & Power Board adopts the Minimum Cash Reserve Policy as presented; and further establishes \$8,750,000 as the minimum cash reserve for fiscal year 2012-13.

CARRIED unanimously. (Coco, Spence absent)

b. Red Tag Revenue Distributions.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Mayor Michael Estes, City of Traverse City

Tim Arends, *Interim* Executive Director/Controller

Jessica Wheaton, Marketing and Community Relations Coordinator

Moved by Budros to table consideration of authorizing red tag revenue distributions and form an ad hoc committee to study this issue and report to the Board with a recommendation.

W. Peter Doren clarified a motion to table is not necessary.

Moved by Budros, seconded by Carruthers, that the Board refer this item to a Red Tag Revenue Ad Hoc Committee and appoints Barbara Budros, Vice Chairman John Taylor and Chairman Pat McGuire to the Committee.

The following individuals from the Public addressed the Board:

Ed Rice, 1664 Strasbourg, non-ratepayer

CARRIED unanimously. (Coco, Spence absent)

c. National Cherry Festival Sponsorship.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Mayor Michael Estes, City of Traverse City

Tim Arends, *Interim* Executive Director/Controller

5:15 p.m. Bob Spence joined the meeting.

No action taken.

d. G.T. Conservation District Sponsorship.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Tim Arends, *Interim* Executive Director/Controller

No action taken.

It was the consensus of the Board to discuss sponsorship requests and the possibility of a policy at the next Regular Meeting.

**Item 3 on the Agenda being Old Business**

None.

**Item 4 on the Agenda being Appointments**

None.

**Item 5 on the Agenda being Reports and Communications**

A. From Legal Counsel.

None.

B. From Staff.

1. Rod Solak spoke regarding the APPA RP3 Award.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Tim Arends, *Interim* Executive Director

2. Karen Feahr and Tom Olney gave an update on the M-72 wind turbine.
3. *TCL&P news and correspondence. (General – no official report)*

C. From Board.

1. Vice Chairman Taylor gave an update on the Executive Director Recruitment Ad Hoc Committee.
2. Chairman McGuire spoke regarding the upcoming board meeting schedule.

**Item 6 on the Agenda being New Business**

6(a). Presentation of the 2011-12 Fiscal Year Audit.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Tim Arends, *Interim* Executive Director/Controller  
Steve Peacock, Rehmann Robson  
R. Ben Bifoss, City Manager

5:57 p.m. Chairman McGuire called the meeting to recess.

5:59 p.m. Chairman McGuire called the meeting to order.

Due to time constraints in the Commission Chambers, Chairman McGuire announced the Board would take Public Comment immediately following the presentation of the 2011-12 Fiscal Year Audit. Should the MPPA/MMEA presentation continue beyond 6:30 p.m., the meeting will reconvene in the Training Room.

Moved by Snodgrass, seconded by Budros, that the financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, be accepted.

CARRIED unanimously. (Coco absent)

**Item 6 on the Agenda being Public Comment**

Sherman Sherwood, 336 W. Tenth Street, Ratepayer

**Item 7 on the Agenda being New Business (continued)**

7(a). MPPA/MMEA presentations.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Tim Arends, *Interim* Executive Director/Controller

Dave Walters, MPPA

Jim Weeks, MMEA

W. Peter Doren, General Counsel

6:30 p.m. R. Ben Bifoss departed the meeting.

6:31 p.m. Chairman McGuire reconvened the meeting in the Training Room.

6:57 p.m. Barbara Budros and Jim Carruthers departed the meeting.

7:26 p.m. Jim Carruthers rejoined the meeting.

No action taken.

There being no objection, Chairman McGuire declared the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.



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Tim Arends, Secretary  
LIGHT AND POWER BOARD

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