

**TRAVERSE CITY
LIGHT AND POWER BOARD**

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Held at 5:15 p.m., Commission Chambers, Governmental Center
Tuesday, February 8, 2011

Board Members -

Present: Mike Coco, Linda Johnson, Jim Carruthers, Ralph Soffredine, John Snodgrass, John Welch

Absent: John Taylor

Ex Officio Member -

Present: R. Ben Bifoss

Others: Ed Rice, Tim Arends, Stephanie Tvardek, Jessica Wheaton, Karen Feahr, Scott Menhart

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

Chairman Coco removed item 2(a) Closed Session minutes from the agenda.

Item 2 on the Agenda being Consent Calendar

Moved by Soffredine, seconded by Johnson, that the following actions, as recommended on the Consent Calendar portion of the Agenda, be approved:

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 25, 2011 be approved.
- b. Consideration of approving the MDOT Construction ROW Resolution.

CARRIED unanimously. (Taylor absent)

Item 3 on the Agenda being Old Business

3(a).

Consideration of adopting a Resolution to Amend Board Rule 11.

Moved by Soffredine, seconded by Johnson, that the proposed amendment to Board Rule 11, Public comment, be adopted.

CARRIED unanimously. (Taylor absent)

3(b).

Consideration of MERS pension related issues.

Moved by Soffredine, seconded by Welch, that the Light & Power Board indefinitely prohibits employees from purchasing additional generic service credits through the Michigan Municipal

Employees Retirement System (MERS) effective immediately; and further that staff be directed to work with MERS in preparing a Joint Transfer Agreement for City Commission consideration and approval.

Roll Call:

Yes – Snodgrass, Soffredine, Welch, Johnson, Coco

No – Carruthers

CARRIED.

3(c).

Consideration of issuing Requests for Proposals for the Hastings Street Facility Addition.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Soffredine, that the Board authorizes staff to seek bids for the Hastings Street Building Addition as presented; and further directs staff to prepare contracts with the successful bidder(s) for the Boards consideration.

Roll Call:

Yes – Snodgrass, Soffredine, Welch, Johnson, Coco

No – Carruthers

CARRIED.

Item 4 on the Agenda being New Business

4(a).

Consideration of Traverse Bay Economic Development Corporation agreement renewal.

Moved by Welch, seconded by Soffredine, that the Board authorizes the Chairman and Secretary to enter into an agreement with Traverse Bay Economic Development Corporation for 2010-2011 professional services; subject to approval as to substance by the Executive Director, and as to form by Counsel; and further authorizes payment to the TBEDC in the amount of \$25,000 as compensation under the Agreement; and further requests a member of the TBEDC to report back to the Board at a future meeting.

Roll Call:

Yes – Snodgrass, Soffredine, Welch, Johnson, Coco

No - Carruthers

CARRIED.

4(b).

Consideration of approving Resolution – Landfill Gas Generation Renewable Energy Purchase Agreement (North American Natural Resources (NANR)).

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Welch, that in the best interest of the Light & Power Ratepayers and to satisfy the requirements of Public Act 295, the Board approve and enter into the Resolution approving the North American Natural Resources Renewable Energy Agreement between Traverse City Light & Power and MPPA and participation in the MPPA North

American Natural Resources Renewable Energy Project; and further that staff explore the possibility of a maximum of 3% annual increases in the year 2015 and beyond.

Roll Call:

Yes – Snodgrass, Soffredine, Welch, Johnson, Coco

No – Carruthers

CARRIED.

Item 5 on the Agenda being Reports and Communications

A. From Legal Counsel.

None.

B. From Staff.

1. Jessica Wheaton spoke re: Community Investment Fund application review. Ralph Soffredine, John Welch and Linda Johnson volunteered to review applications.
2. Jessica Wheaton spoke re: Community Solar sign-up on the website.
3. Ed Rice spoke re: the Kalkaska Combustion Turbine.

C. From Board.

1. Chairman Coco spoke re: Strategic Planning open house scheduled for Wednesday, February 23, 2011 from 5:30-7pm in the Governmental Center 2nd floor training room and additional upcoming meetings.
2. Jim Carruthers spoke re: Tom Karas's FIT event on February 16 at 6:30 at the Library; Shawna Asher and her 7th grade class Grand Vision Project; and questioned if TCL&P has looked into working with Duke and the Benzie County wind project.

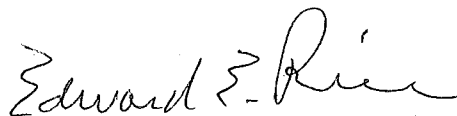
John Snodgrass departed the meeting at 6:38 pm.

3. John Welch complimented Tim Arends on the Financial Statements report provided in the Board packet.

Item 6 on the Agenda being Public Comment

No one from the public commented.

There being no objection, Chairman Coco declared the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.



Edward E. Rice, Secretary
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