

**TRAVERSE CITY
LIGHT AND POWER BOARD**

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Held at 5:15 p.m., Commission Chambers, Governmental Center
Tuesday, February 23, 2010

BOARD MEMBERS -

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

Absent: John Snodgrass

EX OFFICIO MEMBER -

Present: R. Ben Bifoss

OTHERS: Ed Rice, Tim Arends, Jessica Dezelski, Karen Feahr, Jim Cooper, Blake Wilson, Glen Dine

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

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Welch, 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 Study Session of February 2, 2010.
- B. Consideration of approving minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 9, 2010.
- C. Consideration of approving minutes of the Closed Session of February 9, 2010.
- D. Consideration of approving minutes of the Study Session of February 11, 2010.

CARRIED unanimously. (Snodgrass absent)

3. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Keith Schneider made a presentation to the Board regarding the content and format of the upcoming public forums.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Moved by Welch, seconded by Hoogesteger, that the Light and Power Board approves the Organizational Chart as presented.

Roll Call:

Yes: Johnson, Coco, Welch, Hoogesteger, Soffredine

No: Carruthers

CARRIED. (Snodgrass absent)

Moved by Coco, seconded by Welch, that the Light and Power Board approves adding the staff position of Marketing and Community Relations Coordinator, grade 2, with a pay range of \$47,588 to \$61,865 plus benefits.

Roll Call:

Yes: Johnson, Coco, Welch, Hoogesteger, Soffredine

No: Carruthers

CARRIED. (Snodgrass absent)

Moved by Welch, seconded by Coco, that the Light and Power Board approves adding the staff position of Network Administrator, grade 3, with a pay range of \$50,919 to \$66,195 plus benefits.

Roll Call:

Yes: Johnson, Coco, Welch, Hoogesteger, Soffredine

No: Carruthers

CARRIED. (Snodgrass absent)

- B. Moved by Welch, seconded by Hoogesteger, that the Board authorize the Chairman and Secretary to enter into a Tree Trimming Services Agreement with Trees Inc, in the amount of \$102,783.77 for trimming of the HL-21, HL-22, BW-22, BW-31 circuits; also for any additional work at an hourly/weekly rate of \$71.57 and \$2862.80 respectfully; and to authorize the Executive Director to administer amendments and change orders that are in the best interest of the department; subject to approval as to form by counsel.

Roll Call:

Yes: Johnson, Coco, Welch, Hoogesteger, Soffredine

No: Carruthers

CARRIED. (Snodgrass absent)

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- B. (1) Jim Cooper spoke re: the Block-LED grant.
(2) Jim Cooper spoke re: energy optimization program.
(3) Karen Feahr spoke re: the Wood Energy Summit.
(4) Ed Rice spoke re: upcoming public forums on February 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the Opera House, February 27 at 2:00 p.m. at the Hagerty Center and April 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hagerty Center.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public commented.

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.



Edward E. Rice, Secretary
LIGHT AND POWER BOARD