

**TRAVERSE CITY
LIGHT AND POWER BOARD**

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Held at 5:15 p.m., Commission Chambers, Governmental Center
Tuesday, March 22, 2011

Board Members -

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

Ex Officio Member -

Present: R. Ben Bifoss

Others: Ed Rice, Tim Arends, Stephanie Tvardek, Jessica Wheaton, Glen Dine, Jim Cooper

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

Chairman Coco added to the agenda a staff report from Ed Rice as item 5(b)3.

Item 2 on the Agenda being Consent Calendar

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

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 8, 2011 be approved.

CARRIED unanimously.

Item 3 on the Agenda being Old Business

None.

Item 4 on the Agenda being New Business

- 4(a). Consideration of authorizing engineering services with GRP Engineering, Inc. for Bay Street undergrounding.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Welch, that the Light and Power Board authorize the Chairman and Secretary to execute an agreement for professional services with GRP Engineering, Inc. for a total lump sum fee in the amount of \$122,000 including expenses for design services and for a fee not to exceed \$44,000 for construction inspection and coordination services including expenses for the installation of underground electric and communication facilities along a portion of Bay Street; subject to approval as to substance by the Executive Director and approval as to form by Counsel; and further authorize the Executive Director to administer amendments and change orders that are in the best interests of the Light and Power Department.

CARRIED unanimously.

- 4(b). Consideration of Community Investment Fund recommendations.

Ed Rice announced due to recent developments, the Cherry-T Ball Drop grant application would be removed from the list of recommendations.

Member Taylor announced he had a conflict of interest and would be abstaining from voting on the recommended Community Investment Fund applications.

Moved by Soffredine, seconded by Snodgrass, that the Light and Power Board support the Traverse City Area Public School's SCI-MA-TECH Program in the amount of \$3,000.

CARRIED unanimously. (Taylor Abstained)

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Welch, that the Light and Power Board support the City of Traverse City's Bay Front Improvement Plan by funding the Universal Small Boat Launch in the amount of \$15,000.

CARRIED unanimously. (Taylor Abstained)

Moved by Welch, seconded by Johnson, that the Light and Power Board support the Inland Seas Educational Association's Great Lakes Schoolship Program for ten TCAPS classes in the amount of \$12,000.

CARRIED unanimously. (Taylor Abstained)

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Snodgrass, that the Light and Power Board support the Traverse Area Community Sailing's purchase of additional boats in the amount of \$5,000.

CARRIED unanimously. (Taylor Abstained)

Moved by Welch, seconded by Johnson, that the Light and Power Board support the Grand Traverse Pavilions Foundation's purchase of lighting and sound reinforcement for the Grand Lawn Gazebo in the amount of \$5,000.

CARRIED unanimously. (Taylor Abstained)

Moved by Soffredine, seconded by Welch, that the Light and Power Board support the TART Trails' development of the Buffalo Ridge Trail in the amount of \$10,000.

CARRIED unanimously. (Taylor Abstained)

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Soffredine, that the Light and Power Board support the Traverse City Area Public School's studies of electricity, magnets and motors for 1st, 3rd and 4th graders in the amount of \$4,500.

CARRIED unanimously. (Taylor Abstained)

Item 5 on the Agenda being Reports and Communications

A. From Legal Counsel.

None.

B. From Staff.

1. Jim Cooper spoke re: the results of the recent Clean Up Green Up event.
2. Jim Cooper spoke re: the upcoming Grand Vision speaker scheduled for Thursday, April 7, 2011.
3. Ed Rice spoke re: the Strategic Planning Study Session scheduled for Wednesday, March 30, 2011 and the Budgeting Review Study Session scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, 2011.

C. From Board.

1. Jim Carruthers mentioned the current L&P bill inserts and the listed upcoming Earth Day events.

Item 6 on the Agenda being Public Comment

The following individuals addressed the Board:

a. Reserved.

1. Tom Karas, P.O. Box 27 Interlochen, representing Michigan Energy Alternatives regarding how a Feed-in Tariff program helps achieve the TCLP goals and objectives for local generation of renewable energy and a presentation of rate impacts to industrial accounts. (non-ratepayer)

R. Ben Bifoss departed the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Member Snodgrass departed the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

b. General.

- Jim Dulzo, P.O. Box 351 Beulah, non-ratepayer
- Mike Powers, 604 Grant Street, SEEDS, ratepayer

There being no objection, Chairman Coco declared the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.



Edward E. Rice, Secretary
LIGHT AND POWER BOARD

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