

**TRAVERSE CITY
LIGHT AND POWER BOARD**

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Held at 5:15 p.m., Commission Chambers, Governmental Center
Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Board Members -

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

Absent: John Taylor

Ex Officio Member -

Present: R. Ben Bifoss

Others: Ed Rice, W. Peter Doren, Tim Arends, Stephanie Tvardek, Jim Cooper

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Secretary Ed Rice.

Secretary Ed Rice opened the floor to nominations for Chairperson of the Light and Power Board:

Member Johnson nominated Member Coco, Commissioner Soffredine seconded.

Roll call to accept the nomination of Member Coco as Chairperson:

Yes – Carruthers, Estes, Snodgrass, Soffredine, Johnson, Coco

No – None

CARRIED unanimously. (Taylor absent)

Ed Rice turned the meeting over to Chairman Coco.

Chairman Coco opened the floor to nominations for Vice Chairperson of the Light and Power Board:

Commissioner Soffredine nominated Member Johnson, Member Snodgrass seconded.

Roll call to accept the nomination of Member Johnson as Vice Chairperson:

Yes – Carruthers, Estes, Snodgrass, Soffredine, Johnson, Coco

No – None

CARRIED unanimously. (Taylor absent)

Chairman Coco recommended Ed Rice be appointed the Secretary for the Light and Power Board. Commissioner Soffredine moved and Vice Chairperson Johnson seconded the nomination of Ed Rice as Secretary of the Board.

Roll call to accept the nomination of Ed Rice as Secretary:

Yes – Carruthers, Estes, Snodgrass, Soffredine, Johnson, Coco

No – None

CARRIED unanimously. (Taylor absent)

Chairman Coco added a discussion of the Human Resource Ad Hoc Committee New Business item 4(d).

Item 2 on the Agenda being Consent Calendar

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

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Wi-Fi Meeting of March 22, Study Session of March 30 and Study Session of April 5, 2011 be approved.

CARRIED unanimously. (Taylor absent)

Item 3 on the Agenda being Old Business

None.

Item 4 on the Agenda being New Business

- 4(a). Consideration of approving a Professional Services Agreement with Energy Resources, LLC.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Soffredine, that the Light & Power Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Energy Resources, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to assist Light & Power in negotiating natural gas contracts in the best interest of Light & Power ratepayers, subject to approval as to form by counsel.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

- Tom Karas, 8801 Section Line Road, Michigan Energy Alternatives Project, Non-Ratepayer

Roll Call:

Yes – Estes, Snodgrass, Soffredine, Johnson, Coco

No – Carruthers

CARRIED. (Taylor absent)

- 4(b). Consideration of adopting the Vision Statement, Mission Statement, and Goals amended at the February 24 and March 30, 2011 Strategic Planning Study Sessions.

Moved by Soffredine, seconded by Snodgrass, that the Light & Power Board adopts the vision statement, mission statement, and strategic goals as amended through the 2011 strategic planning process.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

- Phil Franzo, 525 Riverine Drive, Traverse Bay Economic Development Corporation, Ratepayer
- Brian Beauchamp, 535 Woodland Drive, Michigan Land Use Institute, Ratepayer
- Tom Karas, 8801 Section Line Road, Michigan Energy Alternatives Project, Non-Ratepayer

CARRIED unanimously. (Taylor absent)

- 4(c). Consideration of approving the 2010-11 Six Year Capital Improvements Plan and Operating Budgets, contingent on City Commission approval.

Moved by Johnson, that the Light & Power Board approves the 2011-12 Operating Budget and Six Year Capital Improvements Plan as presented and directs staff to submit them to the City Commission for their consideration. The motion died for lack of a second.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Soffredine, that the Light & Power Board approves the 2011-12 Six Year Capital Improvements Plan as presented and directs staff to submit them to the City Commission for their consideration.

Motion withdrawn by Johnson, with approval of Soffredine.

Continued discussion amongst the Board regarding New Business item 4(c).

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Soffredine, that the Light & Power Board approves the 2011-12 Operating Budget and Six Year Capital Improvements Plan as presented and directs staff to submit them to the City Commission for their consideration.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

- Tom Karas, 8801 Section Line Road, Michigan Energy Alternatives Project, Non-Ratepayer
- Letter to the Board from Greg Reisig, Chair NMEAC, was read into the minutes

Roll Call:

Yes – Snodgrass, Soffredine, Johnson, Coco

No – Carruthers, Estes

CARRIED. (Taylor absent)

- 4(d). Chairman Coco spoke regarding the Human Resources Committee. Chairman Coco appointed, Member Estes, Commissioner Soffredine and Member Taylor to the Human Resources Committee with approval of the Board. The Committee term expires at the next Organizational Meeting.

Item 5 on the Agenda being Reports and Communications

a. From Legal Counsel.

None.

b. From Staff.

1. Ed Rice spoke re: the Kalkaska Combustion Turbine.
2. Jim Cooper spoke re: the LED grant.

c. From Board.

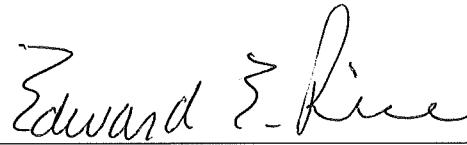
1. Vice Chair Johnson requested information on the upcoming seedling sale. Jim Cooper announced the Light & Power seedling give-away is scheduled for April 30th, 2011 and the Grand Traverse Conservation District seedling sale is scheduled for April 16-17th, 2011.
2. Commissioner Carruthers recognized Tim Arends for his work as part of the Light & Power staff.

Item 6 on the Agenda being Public Comment

The following individuals addressed the Board:

- Letter to the Board from Rick Shimel, 608 S. Union Street, was read into the minutes

There being no objection, Chairman Coco declared the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.



Edward E. Rice, Secretary
LIGHT AND POWER BOARD

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