

**TRAVERSE CITY  
LIGHT AND POWER BOARD**

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Held at 5:15 p.m., Commission Chambers, Governmental Center  
Tuesday, July 10, 2012

**Board Members -**

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

**Ex Officio Member -**

Present: R. Ben Bifoss

**Others:** Ed Rice, W. Peter Doren, Tim Arends, Stephanie Tvardek, Jessica  
Wheaton, Glen Dine, Jim Cooper

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

Commissioner Budros clarified minutes of ad hoc committees should be approved by that committee rather than the full board. Therefore, W. Peter Doren suggested the minutes of the Public Utilities Element Ad Hoc Committee Meeting be approved as receive and file only.

**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 Regular Meeting of June 26, 2012.
- b. Resolution Recognizing Renewal of the 35 Year Lease and Agreement with Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative.
- c. Receive and file the minutes of the Public Utilities Element Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of July 2, 2012.

CARRIED unanimously.

**Items removed from the Consent Calendar**

None.

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

- 3(a).** Consideration of Community Investment Fund recommendation with a project update from the City Planning Department.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Russ Soyering, City Planning Director  
R. Ben Bifoss, City Manager

Moved by Carruthers, seconded by Spence, that the Light and Power Board approve a grant request through the Community Investment Fund from the City of Traverse City for the Bayfront Plan Implementation in the amount of \$1,000,000.

The following individuals from the Public addressed the Board:

Rick Buckholder, 932 Kelley Street, Ratepayer

Roll Call:

Yes – Budros, Carruthers, Coco, Spence, Taylor, McGuire

No – Snodgrass

CARRIED.

**3(b).** Consideration of authorizing a Construction Contract for the East Hammond Substation.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Ed Rice, Executive Director

Glen Dine, Chief Engineer

W. Peter Doren, General Counsel

Moved by Coco, seconded by Taylor, that the Light and Power Board authorize the Chairman and Secretary to enter into a Contract Agreement with Kent Power, Inc., in the amount of \$775,627.00 for the East Hammond Substation construction; 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.

Roll Call:

Yes – Budros, Carruthers, Coco, Spence, Taylor, McGuire

No – Snodgrass

CARRIED.

**3(c).** Consideration of authorizing an Engineering Services Contract with GRP Engineering for the Pine Street Overhead to Underground Distribution Conversion Project.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Ed Rice, Executive Director

Glen Dine, Chief Engineer

W. Peter Doren, General Counsel

Moved by Taylor, seconded by Budros, that the Light & Power Board authorize the Chairman and Secretary to execute an Agreement for Professional Services with GRP Engineering, Inc., for a total fee not to exceed \$202,000.00 including expenses for design and construction management services for the Pine and State Street Overhead to Underground Conversion Project; subject to approval as to substance by the Executive Director and approval as to form by Counsel;

Further, authorizing the Executive Director to execute work orders for professional services and administer amendments and change orders that are in the best interest of the Light and Power Department.

Roll Call:

Yes – Budros, Carruthers, Coco, Spence, Taylor, McGuire

No – Snodgrass

CARRIED.

**Item 4 on the Agenda being New Business**

**4(a).** Consideration of authorizing staff to develop and implement a Solar Rate.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Jim Cooper, Manager of Communications and Energy Services

Ed Rice, Executive Director

W. Peter Doren, General Counsel

Tim Arends, Controller

Moved by Carruthers, seconded by Coco, that the Board authorize L&P staff to investigate customer support for a sun block green rate solar program.

The following individuals from the Public addressed the Board:

Ted Curran, Read a letter on behalf of Greg Reisig, NMEAC

Peter Moller

Matt Vajda, 3283 Wemple Road

Bill Queen

Roll Call:

Yes – Budros, Carruthers, Coco, Snodgrass, Spence, Taylor

No – McGuire

CARRIED.

**4(b).** Consideration of Board feedback on the City Master Plan Public Utilities Element.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Commissioner Budros, Committee Chair

W. Peter Doren, General Counsel

Moved by Budros, seconded by Coco, that the Light & Power Board forward its feedback regarding the Public Utilities Element of the City Master Plan as presented to the Public Utilities Element Committee Chair, Bill Twietmeyer.

Moved by McGuire, seconded by Coco, that the motion be amended to include the following language in the second element "...with state of the art technology *as deemed appropriate by staff.*"

CARRIED unanimously.

Moved by Snodgrass, seconded by Spence, that the motion be amended to include the following language in the fifth element "...should be pursued commensurate with local support for such projects *where economically feasible.*"

Roll Call:

Yes – Snodgrass, Spence, McGuire

No – Budros, Carruthers, Coco, Taylor

Motion failed.

Moved by McGuire, seconded by Snodgrass, that the motion be amended to change the eighth element to read "User rates should be kept *as low as possible.*"

Roll Call:

Yes – Budros, Carruthers, Snodgrass, Spence, McGuire

No – Coco, Taylor

CARRIED.

Moved by Snodgrass, seconded by Taylor, that the motion be amended to include the following language in the tenth element "...educate customers to utilize electricity more *efficiently.*"

CARRIED unanimously.

Moved by Taylor, seconded by Budros, that the motion be amended to include the following language in the twelfth element "...growth in the utility's service *territory....*"

CARRIED unanimously.

Therefore, the motion before the Board is as follows: "Moved by Budros, seconded by Coco, that the Light & Power Board forward its feedback regarding the Public Utilities Element of the City Master Plan as amended to the Public Utilities Element Committee Chair, Bill Twietmeyer."

CARRIED unanimously.

**4(c).** Consideration of authorizing the hiring of a temporary employee – Electric Line Supervisor.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Ed Rice, Executive Director

Moved by Coco, seconded by Taylor, that the Light and Power Board authorize the Executive Director to hire a temporary employee at a rate of \$62/hour to supervise the BW-22 Project construction crew.

CARRIED unanimously.

**4(d).** Consideration of authorizing the hiring of a temporary employee – Electric Distribution Line Designer.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Ed Rice, Executive Director

Moved by Budros, seconded by Coco, that the Light and Power Board authorizes the Executive Director to hire a temporary employee at a rate of \$65/hour to analyze and design system circuits for future rehabilitation of BW-31.

CARRIED unanimously.

**Item 5 on the Agenda being Appointments**

None.

**Item 6 on the Agenda being Reports and Communications**

A. From Legal Counsel.

1. W. Peter Doren gave an update re: Brewery Creek Condo Association Judgement.

B. From Staff.

None.

C. From Board.

1. Mike Coco spoke re: MMEA opposition of the State Constitutional Amendment 25by25 and suggested a Resolution be written stating the Board's neutrality on the issue. It was the consensus of the Board to take no action at this time.
2. Mike Coco requested an update re: the efficiency review.
3. Mike Coco spoke re: the agenda for the upcoming joint meeting with Cherryland Electric.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

W. Peter Doren, General Counsel

4. John Snodgrass requested an update re: the Kalkaska Combustion Turbine.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Ed Rice, Executive Director

**Item 7 on the Agenda being Public Comment**

No one from the public commented.

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



Edward E. Rice, Secretary  
LIGHT AND POWER BOARD