

**TRAVERSE CITY
LIGHT AND POWER BOARD**

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Held at 5:15 p.m., Commission Chambers, Governmental Center
Tuesday, July 27, 2010

BOARD MEMBERS -

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

EX OFFICIO MEMBER -

Present: R. Ben Bifoss

OTHERS: Ed Rice, Tim Arends, Stephanie Tvardek, Nick Abraitis, Mark
Rollenhagen, Glen Dine

The meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m. by Chairman Coco.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Johnson, 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 Regular Meeting of June 22, 2010.
- B. Consideration of approving minutes of the Human Resource Committee Meeting of June 30, 2010.
- C. Consideration of approving minutes of the Study Session of July 20, 2010.

CARRIED unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

None

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Moved by Carruthers, seconded by Soffredine, that in the best interest of Light and Power, the Board authorize the issuance of a purchase order to Champion Charter Sales for the purchase of 200 LED overhead cobra head style fixtures, in the amount of \$126,400.00; and authorize the Executive Director to administer amendments and change orders that are in the best interests of the Light and Power Department.

Public Comment:

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

CARRIED unanimously.

- B. Moved by Soffredine, seconded by Welch, to offer a third letter of understanding to the Light and Power bargaining unit that calls for a 2% increase to the current wage rates with an effective date of July 4, 2010.

CARRIED unanimously.

- C. Moved by Welch, seconded by Johnson, that the Light and Power Board adopt a Net Metering Policy as presented to be effective immediately, subject to approval as to form by General Counsel.

Public Comment:

- Tom Karas, 8801 Section Line Road, Michigan Energy Alternatives Project, Non-Ratepayer
- Jim Barnes, 130 Hall Street, Eco-Building Products, Ratepayer
- Jeff Stratten, 2360 W. Carriage Hill Drive, J.D. Stratten Electric, Non-Ratepayer

CARRIED unanimously.

- D. Moved by Welch, seconded by Soffredine, that the Board authorize the Chairman and Secretary to execute an "Agreement between owner and architect" with AAI, with the architect's fee being a fixed fee of \$39,200 plus expenses, for architectural services for an addition to the Hastings Street Service Center; subject to approval as to substance by the Executive Director and as to form by General Counsel, and authorize the Executive Director to enter into change orders within his spending limit that are in the best interests of the utility.

Public Comment:

- Bob Sommerville, AAI, Traverse City

Roll Call:

- Yes – Soffredine, Taylor, Snodgrass, Welch, Johnson, Coco
No – Carruthers

CARRIED.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

B. From Staff:

- (1) Ed Rice spoke re: the MPPA July meeting.
- (2) Ed Rice spoke re: the study session on Energy Optimization scheduled for August 3, 2010.
- (3) Ed Rice spoke re: the study session on Strategic Planning to be scheduled at a later date.
- (4) Ed Rice spoke in response to public comment from the July 21, 2010 study session re: MACTEC's findings. Ed clarified MACTEC did state there was no discernable difference between Biomass and Natural Gas emissions.
- (5) Ed Rice spoke in response to public comment from the July 21, 2010 study session re: the price of solar.

C. From Board:

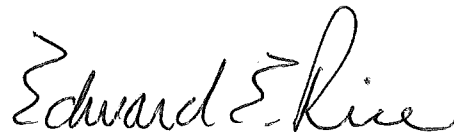
- (1) Commissioner Carruthers spoke re: the June 21, 2010 Vanity Fair article "A Colossal Fracking Mess".

- (2) Commissioner Carruthers spoke re: the movie "Gasland" which will be played during the Traverse City Film Festival this Saturday, July 31, 2010 at 3pm at the Opera House.
- (3) John Welch spoke re: Light and Power year end financials.
- (4) John Welch spoke re: re-energizing the Wi-Fi discussions.
- (5) John Welch spoke re: Bayfront Planning Projects discussed at Rotary.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.



Edward E. Rice, Secretary
LIGHT AND POWER BOARD

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