

**TRAVERSE CITY  
LIGHT AND POWER BOARD**

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
Held at 5:15 p.m., Commission Chambers, Governmental Center  
Tuesday, November 12, 2024

**Board Members Present:** John Taylor – Chairperson, Paul Heiberger – Vice-Chairperson, Maura Brennan – Board Member, Elysha Davila – Board Member, Suzannah Tobin – Board Member, Tim Werner – City Commissioner & Board Member, Mi Stanley – City Commissioner & Board Member

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Ex Officio Member Absent:** Liz Vogel, City Manager

**Others:** Brandie Ekren – Executive Director, Jen St. Amour – Executive Assistant, Karla Myers-Beman – Chief Financial Officer, Daren Dixon – Operations Manager, Kelli Schroeder – Customer & Employee Relations Manager, Jacob Hardy – Sustainability & Key Accounts Manager, Scott Menhart – Chief Technology & Telecom Manager, Tony Chartrand – Engineering Manager, Adam Lansdell – Business/Planning Analyst, Colin Hites – Sustainability & Climate Initiative Analyst

**1. Roll Call**

**2. Disclosure of Recusal**

None.

**3. Consent Calendar**

- a. Approval of Agenda.
- b. Consideration of approving minutes of the Regular meeting of October 10, 2024, the Fly Ash Property Ad Hoc Committee meeting of October 29, 2024, and the minutes of the Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee meeting of November 4, 2024. (Approval recommended)

that the minutes of the Regular meeting of October 10, 2024, the Fly Ash Property Ad Hoc Committee meeting of October 29, 2024, and the Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee meeting of November 4, 2024, be approved.

- c. Consideration of approving an amendment to the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Hart Solar Partners, LLC. (Approval recommended) (Ekren/Myers-Beman)

that the Light & Power Board directs the Executive Director to execute the Energy Services Project Transaction Second Amendment with Michigan Public Power Agency (MPPA) for solar supply located in Hart, Michigan with Hart Solar Partners, LLC.

Elysha Davila moved that the Consent Calendar portion of the agenda be approved. Paul Heiberger seconded the motion.

**Yes:** Maura Brennan, Elysha Davila, Tim Werner, Paul Heiberger, John Taylor, Mi Stanley, and Suzannah Tobin

**Absent:** None

Carried 7 to 0.

**4. Unfinished Business**

- a. Public Hearing for Net Billing Rate effective March 1, 2024.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Karla Myers-Beman, Chief Financial Officer  
Brandie Ekren, Executive Director

Chairperson Taylor opened the public hearing at 5:20pm.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Michael Vanderkolk, ratepayer, 1702 Wayne Street (in support)

Chairperson Taylor closed the public hearing at 5:23pm.

Paul Heiberger moved that the Board adopts the net billing rate with an effective date of March 1, 2025. Elysha Davila seconded the motion.

**Yes:** Maura Brennan, Elysha Davila, Tim Werner, Paul Heiberger, John Taylor, Mi Stanley, and Suzannah Tobin

**Absent:** None

Carried 7 to 0.

**5. New Business**

- a. Consideration of updating the Human Resources Ad Hoc Committee.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Kelli Schroeder, Customer & Employee Relations Manager

Maura Brennan moved that the following board members, Elysha Davila, John Taylor, Paul Heiberger and Maura Brennan as alternate be appointed to the Human Resources Ad Hoc Committee. Elysha Davila seconded the motion.

**Yes:** Maura Brennan, Elysha Davila, Tim Werner, Paul Heiberger, John Taylor, Mi Stanley, and Suzannah Tobin

**Absent:** None

Carried 7 to 0.

**6. Reports and Communications**

**a. From Legal.**

None.

**b. From Staff.**

1. June 30, 2024, Year End Financial Statements

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Karla Myers-Beman, Chief Financial Officer

2. Public Power Week: Employee Recognition

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Brandie Ekren, Executive Director

**c. From Board.**

**7. Public Comment**

- a. General Public Comment

No one from the Public addressed the Board.

**8. Adjournment**

There being no objection, Chairperson Taylor adjourned the meeting at 5:24 p.m.

*Brandie Ekren*

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Brandie Ekren, Executive Director  
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