

**TRAVERSE CITY  
LIGHT AND POWER BOARD**

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Held at 5:15 p.m., Commission Chambers, Governmental Center  
Tuesday, May 11, 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, Jessica Dezelski, Jim Cooper, Karen Fehar,  
Stephanie Dommer, Denise Kuschell, Glen Dine

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 Welch nominated Member Coco, Member Johnson seconded.

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

Yes – Johnson, Coco, Welch, Snodgrass, Taylor, Soffredine, Carruthers

No – None

CARRIED.

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

Member Welch nominated Member Johnson, Member Snodgrass seconded.

Member Carruthers nominated Member Snodgrass, Member Welch seconded.

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

Yes – Coco, Johnson, Welch, Snodgrass, Taylor, Soffredine

No – Carruthers

CARRIED.

Chairperson Coco recognized Vice Chairperson Johnson for her service as the Chairperson of the Light and Power Board.

Chairperson Coco read a letter of recognition for James Hoogesteger for his service on the Light and Power Board.

Chairperson Coco appointed Ed Rice as the Secretary for the Light and Power Board with the approval of the Board.

Chairperson Coco spoke regarding the Human Resources Committee. Chairperson Coco appointed Member Snodgrass, Commissioner Soffredine and Member Taylor to the Human Resources Committee. The Committee term expires at the next Organizational Meeting.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Moved by Welch, 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 April 27, 2010.

CARRIED unanimously.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Moved by Welch, seconded by Johnson, that the Light and Power Board move the consideration of the Wi-Fi network Phase 2 Project to the June 22, 2010 meeting agenda.

Public Comment:

- Chris Bzdok, 520 N. Spruce Street
- Tim Malone, Cherry Capitol Connection, Williamsburg

CARRIED unanimously.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Coco, that the Light and Power Board approve the "Resolution Adopting a Light and Power MERS defined benefit retirement program;" subject to City Commission action to transfer current Light and Power market values into the new MERS account.

Motion withdrawn by Johnson, with approval of Coco.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Coco, that the Light and Power Board table the consideration of the "Resolution Adopting a Light and Power MERS defined benefit retirement program" for 60 days.

CARRIED unanimously.

- B. Moved by Carruthers, seconded by Welch, that the Light and Power Board authorize execution of a License Agreement with Maritime Heritage Alliance, Inc. for use of the coal dock and bottomlands for a period of three years; subject to approval as to substance by the Executive Director, and as to form by Counsel.

CARRIED unanimously.

**5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- B. From Staff:

- (1) Jim Cooper provided an update on Energy Optimization.
- (2) Ed Rice provided an update on MPPA.
- (3) Karen Feahr provided an update on the International Biomass Conference & Expo.

(4) Ed Rice provided an update on the Biomass Project.

C. From Board:

- (1) Commissioner Carruthers spoke regarding the Cherryland Michigan Saves Program.
- (2) Chairperson Coco spoke regarding the Executive Director's Annual Performance Review. Chairperson Coco appointed Vice Chairperson Johnson, Commissioner Soffredine and Member Welch to the Review Committee.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Tom Karas, 8801 Section Line Road, Michigan Energy Alternatives Project
- Steve Henderson, 747 Birchwood Avenue
- Chris Bzdok, 520 N. Spruce Street

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.



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Edward E. Rice, Secretary  
LIGHT AND POWER BOARD

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