

**TRAVERSE CITY
LIGHT AND POWER BOARD**

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at 5:15 p.m., Commission Chambers, Governmental Center
Tuesday, August 9, 2022

Board Members Present: Paul Heiberger – Chairperson, Elysha Davila – Vice-Chairperson, John Taylor – Board Member, Ross Hammersley – Board Member, Maura Brennan – Board Member, Amy Shamroe – Board Member & City Commissioner, Tim Werner – Board Member & City Commissioner

Board Members Absent: None.

Ex Officio Member Present: Marty Colburn, City Manager

Staff Present: Brandie Ekren – Executive Director, Scott Menhart – Chief Information Technology Officer, Karla Myers-Beman – Chief Financial Officer, Jacob Hardy – Sustainability & Key Accounts Manager, Tony Chartrand – Supervisory Engineer, Kelli Schroeder – Customer & Employee Relations Manager, Jennifer St. Amour – Executive Assistant, Mark Watson – Fiber Superintendent

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 July 12, 2022, and the minutes of the Sustainability Ad Hoc meeting of July 27, 2022. (Approval recommended)

that the minutes of the Regular meeting of July 12th, 2022, and the minutes of the Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee meeting of July 27, 2022, be approved.

- c. Consideration of appointing Karla Myers-Beman as Officer Delegate and Kelli Schroeder as Officer Alternate Delegate to cast official votes on behalf of TCL&P at the Annual Meeting of the Municipal Employees Retirement System. (Approval recommended) (Schroeder)

that Karla Myers-Beman, CFO and Kelli Schroeder, Customer & Employee Relations Manager be appointed Officer Delegate and Officer Alternate Delegate respectively, for the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Municipal Employee's Retirement System; and further that the Executive Director be authorized to execute the certification of delegates.

- d. Consideration of approving a confirming purchase order with Power Line Supply. (Approval recommended) (Dixon/Myers-Beman)

that the Light and Power Board approves the confirming purchase order to Power Line Supply in the amount of \$38,232.

- e. Consideration of approving renewing board motion contract with Fujitsu for Smart Grid Fiber Operations and Maintenance contract. (Approval recommended) (Menhart)

that the Board authorizes the Executive Director and staff to continue with the existing Operations and Maintenance agreement with Fujitsu for Smart Grid Fiber operations.

- f. Consideration of approving a purchase order for Overhead Transformers for Inventory. (Approval recommended) (Dixon)

that the Board authorizes a purchase order be issued to IRBY in the amount of \$85,360.00, more or less, for the purchase of pole mounted transformers.

Amy Shamroe moved that as recommended, the Consent Calendar portion of the agenda be approved. Ross Hammersley seconded the motion.

Yes: Maura Brennan, Elysha Davila, Ross Hammersley, Amy Shamroe, Tim Werner, Paul Heiberger, and John Taylor

Absent: None

Carried 7 to 0.

4. Unfinished Business

- a. Public hearing for Fiber to the Premises tariff rates.

Paul Heiberger opened the public hearing at 5:16 p.m.

No one from the public addressed the Board.

Paul Heiberger closed the public hearing at 5:17 p.m.

Maura Brennan moved that the Board authorizes the rates shown in the presented tariff rates effective August 10, 2022. Amy Shamroe seconded the motion.

Yes: Maura Brennan, Elysha Davila, Ross Hammersley, Amy Shamroe, Tim Werner, Paul Heiberger, and John Taylor

Absent: None

Carried 7 to 0.

- b. Public hearing for Renewable Electric Rider rate adjustment.

Paul Heiberger opened the public hearing at 5:18 p.m.

No one from the Public addressed the Board.

Paul Heiberger closed the public hearing at 5:19 p.m.

John Taylor moved that the Board authorizes the rate adjustment shown in the presented tariff rate effective September 1, 2022. Tim Werner seconded the motion.

Yes: Maura Brennan, Elysha Davila, Ross Hammersley, Amy Shamroe, Tim Werner, Paul Heiberger, and John Taylor

Absent: None

Carried 7 to 0.

- c. Consideration of approving a Consultant Agreement with 5 Lakes Energy for the Climate Action Plan Proposal #1, which provides services for Energy Waste Reduction, Distributed Energy Resources and Electrification.

Amy Shamroe moved that the Board authorizes the Chairman and Secretary to execute a consulting agreement with Five Lakes Energy for the Climate Action Plan Subset #1 Project in the amount of \$139,530.00, more or less, subject to review as to substance by the Executive Director and as to form by General Counsel. Maura Brennan seconded the motion.

Yes: Maura Brennan, Elysha Davila, Ross Hammersley, Amy Shamroe, Tim Werner, Paul Heiberger, and John Taylor

Absent: None

Carried 7 to 0.

5. New Business

None.

6. Reports and Communications

a. From Legal.

None.

b. From Staff.

1. Presentation by Venture North

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Jacob Hardy, Sustainability & Key Accounts Manager
Laura Galbraith, President, Venture North Funding & Development

2. Presentation on Electrification and Reducing Carbon

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Jacob Hardy, Sustainability & Key Accounts Manager
Luke Ranker, CLC Fellow - University of Michigan

c. From Board.

John Taylor reported that he was invited to the NMEAC meeting where the Executive Director, Brandie Ekren was being introduced. He praised her for being a great representative of the Utility and her presentation very effective. John also reported that NMEAC approached him and asked for the Utility's counsel going forward with their mission. John felt it was a strong compliment to the Utility and feels that it puts the Utility in a position to help with talking substance to our stakeholder community.

Elysha Davila commented on the most recent bill passed in Congress regarding the Inflation Reduction Act that included a large contribution to fighting Climate Change.

7. Public Comment

a. General Public Comment

No one from the public addressed the Board.

8. Adjournment

There being no objection, Chairperson Heiberger adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Brandie Ekren

Brandie Ekren, Secretary
LIGHT & POWER BOARD