

**TRAVERSE CITY  
LIGHT AND POWER BOARD**

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
Held at 5:15 p.m., 1131 Hastings Street  
Tuesday, January 10, 2023

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

**Board Members Absent:** Amy Shamroe – Board Member & City Commissioner

**Ex Officio Member Present:** Marty Colburn, City Manager

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

**1. Roll Call**

**2. Disclosure of Recusal**

**3. Consent Calendar**

- a. Approval of Agenda
- b. Consideration of approving minutes of the Regular meeting of December 13, 2022. (Approval recommended)

that the minutes of the Regular meeting of December 13, 2022, be approved.

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

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

- d. Consideration of approving an amended 2023 Six Year Capital Improvement Plan. (Myers-Beman/Chartrand)

that the Light & Power Board authorizes the Executive Director to submit the amended Six-Year Capital Improvements Plan - 2023 as presented to the City Manager for review and approval of the City Commission and City Planning Commission.

- e. Consideration of approving a change order with Newkirk Electric Associates, Inc. for the Barlow to Parsons Transmission Line Project. (Approval recommended) (Chartrand)

that the Light & Power Board approves a change order for the Barlow to Parsons Transmission Line Project with Newkirk Electric Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$55,000.

Tim Werner 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, Tim Werner, Paul Heiberger, and John Taylor

**Absent:** Amy Shamroe

Carried 6 to 0.

**4. Unfinished Business**

None.

**5. New Business**

- a. 2021-22 Financial Audit Presentation.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Karla Myers-Beman, Chief Financial Officer  
Peter Haefner, Vredeveld & Haefner, LLC - Partner

John Taylor moved that the Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, be accepted. Maura Brennan seconded the motion.

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

**Absent:** Amy Shamroe

Carried 6 to 0.

**6. Reports and Communications**

- a. **From Legal.**

None.

- b. **From Staff.**

1. Climate Action Plan Update: Industry Trends

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Karla Myers-Beman, Chief Financial Officer  
Doug Jester, 5 Lakes Energy, Managing Partner

2. September 30, 2022, Financial Statements

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Karla Myers-Beman, Chief Financial Officer

**c. From Board.**

1. Executive Director Review Process Discussion

After Board discussion, consensus was to utilize the same process as in prior years hiring a Consultant to help facilitate the process and the review would take place end of the fiscal year in June rather than on the hire date in March. Chairperson Heiberger and Vice-Chairperson Davila will take lead in this process.

2. Chairperson Heiberger gave accolades to the look of the new TCLP Utility bills and commented on the ease in which he was able to pay.
3. Marty Colburn stated that last April the City negotiated a contract with Jacobs. One of the items they worked with the City on is solar. Marty gave his appreciation to the L&P Executive Director and staff for offering input on the proposed plan that they took to the City Commission and gained approval to apply for a MPSC grant for \$1.9 million.
4. Tim Werner invited the staff of TCL&P to be available to the community to offer knowledge and pathways to combat Climate Change as TCL&P has been a leader on this front with the Climate Action Plan.
5. Tim Werner stated that at the Tuesday, January 17th City Commission meeting, he would be submitting a draft policy for building Electrification in the City.

**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 6:39 p.m.

*Brandie Ekren*

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Brandie Ekren, Secretary  
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