

GRAND HAVEN BOARD OF LIGHT AND POWER
MINUTES
MAY 21, 2026

A regular meeting of the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power was held on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 6:00 PM at 1700 Eaton Drive in Grand Haven, Michigan and electronically via live Zoom Webinar.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairperson Westbrook.

Present: Directors Crum, Knoth, Polyak, Welling, and Westbrook.

Absent: None.

Others Present: General Manager Rob Shelley, Secretary to the Board Danielle Martin, Finance Manager Lynn Diffell, Operations and Power Supply Manager Erik Booth, and Distribution and Engineering Manager Austin Gagnon.

26-07A Director Welling, supported by Director Knoth, moved to remove item 6C from the agenda.

Roll Call Vote:

In favor: Directors Crum, Knoth, Polyak, Welling and Westbrook; Opposed: None.
Motion carried.

26-07B Director Welling, supported by Director Knoth, moved to approve the meeting agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote:

In favor: Directors Crum, Knoth, Polyak, Welling and Westbrook; Opposed: None.
Motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment Period:

Jim Hagen, 400 Lake Avenue, discussed the community solar project including glare concerns and a fixed reimbursement schedule.

26-07C Director Welling, supported by Director Knoth, moved to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda includes:

- Approve the April 16, 2026 Meeting Minutes
- Receive and File the April Financial Statements and Power Supply and Retail Sales Dashboards
- Receive and File the April Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Dashboard

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- Receive and File the MPPA Energy Services Project Resource Position Report dated 04/30/2026
- Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$2,524,592.15 from the Operation & Maintenance Fund
- Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$173,355.09 from the Renewal & Replacement Fund

Roll Call Vote:

In favor: Directors Crum, Knoth, Polyak, Welling and Westbrook; Opposed: None.
Motion carried.

26-07D Director Welling, supported by Director Knoth, moved to approve the Purchase Order. The Purchase Order includes:

- Purchase Order #23684 to the City of Grand Haven in the amount of \$221,162 for Harbor Island North Channel CCR Removal Engineering

This Purchase Order will allow HDR to complete design, permitting, construction plans, and oversight of the North Channel CCR Removal Project. Completion is expected in early 2027.

Roll Call Vote:

In favor: Directors Crum, Knoth, Polyak, Welling and Westbrook; Opposed: None.
Motion carried.

26-07E Director Welling, supported by Director Knoth, moved to approve the Community Solar Lease Documents.

The Lease Application and Lease Agreement have both gone through legal review. The Application will be submitted by the customer along with their payment. BLP staff will verify customer information and confirm they are subscribing at the correct level. The Lease Agreement is a 20-year term. There will be 1,000 shares available for purchase at \$570 per share. The reimbursement rate will be fixed at 6.385 cents per kilowatt hour. The BLP will own the project and carry necessary insurance. Staff will begin promoting sale of the project with a bill stuffer, section of the website, press release, and radio spots. Sales will begin while FAA and Planning Commission work is in progress to help ensure incentive deadlines are met.

Roll Call Vote:

In favor: Directors Crum, Knoth, Polyak, Welling and Westbrook; Opposed: None.
Motion carried.

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26-07F Director Welling, supported by Director Knoth, moved to approve the Resolution to Approve the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. **(Attachment A)**

Only one change has been made from the preliminary budget presented to the Board last month. That change was to increase the Community Solar budget on the Capital Plan to \$750,000. Operating sales are budgeted to be \$38,500,466, or 271,830,000 KWh. The Environmental Remediation Fee will continue at current levels. Low Income Energy Assistance will need final calculations when the program year ends and remaining funds are known but are projected to increase to \$0.70 per meter per month. Energy Waste Reduction charges remain unchanged. Purchased Power represents 68% of the budget, or \$20,330,870. The budget includes adding one additional full-time employee in the tree department and overlap for training new employees to fill spots due to expected retirements. The five-year Capital Plan totals \$49,873,000. End working cash is estimated to be \$26,500,000. Five-year cash flow projections were reviewed.

Roll Call Vote:

In favor: Directors Crum, Knoth, Polyak, Welling and Westbrook; Opposed: None.
Motion carried.

26-07G Director Welling, supported by Director Knoth, moved to approve the Resolution to Approve the Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Plan. **(Attachment B)**

Roll Call Vote:

In favor: Directors Crum, Knoth, Polyak, Welling and Westbrook; Opposed: None.
Motion carried.

26-07H By consensus, the annual performance evaluation for the General Manager was scheduled for 5:00pm on Thursday, June 18th. The General Manager has requested a closed hearing as permitted by the Open Meetings Act.

No formal action taken.

Other Business

- The Board congratulated Lynn Diffell on her upcoming retirement.
- The new Finance Manager will begin on May 28th.
- The BLP will be hosting a 130th anniversary celebration at the Lynn Sherwood Waterfront Stadium on September 12th.
- Chairperson Westbrook commented on the newly purchased building. The new signs and landscaping work look nice.

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Public Comment Period: None.

Adjournment

At 6:34PM by motion of Director Welling, supported by Director Knoth, the May 21, 2026 Board meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danielle Martin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Danielle Martin
Secretary to the Board

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Attachment A

**GRAND HAVEN BOARD OF LIGHT & POWER
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Board of Light and Power has established a budget which includes operating and nonoperating revenue and expenses for the fiscal year 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Light and Power has included projections for retail sales along with purchased power, employee and other expenses.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Light and Power believes that these projections are reasonable and based on the best practices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Light and Power hereby approves the budget plan as presented for fiscal year 2027.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Dated: May 21, 2026



Danielle Martin, Board Secretary
Grand Haven Board of Light & Power

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Grand Haven Board of Light & Power, at a meeting held on May 21, 2026, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to, and in compliance with, Act 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

Dated: May 21, 2026



Robert Shelley, General Manager
Grand Haven Board of Light & Power

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Attachment B

**GRAND HAVEN BOARD OF LIGHT & POWER
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 CAPITAL PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Board of Light and Power has established a five-year capital plan for the fiscal years 2027-2031; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Light and Power has included estimated costs for projects anticipated to begin in the fiscal year 2027 and purchases for capitalized inventory.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Light and Power believes that these projections are reasonable and based on the best practices and recent engineering studies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Light and Power hereby approves the five-year capital plan as presented for fiscal year 2027.

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