GRAND HAVEN BOARD OF LIGHT AND POWER
MINUTES
JUNE 18, 2026

A regular meeting of the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power was held on Thursday, June 18, 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 6:02 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, Operations and Power Supply Manager Erik Booth, Distribution and Engineering Manager Austin Gagnon, and Executive Consultant Steve Vandermeer (attending remotely).

26-09A Director Welling, supported by Director Crum, moved to remove item 6B from the agenda.

> **Roll Call Vote:**
> In favor: Directors Crum, Knoth, Polyak, Welling and Westbrook; Opposed: None.
> Motion carried.

26-09B Director Welling, supported by Director Crum, 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:

Jeffrey Miller, 1120 S Harbor Drive, commented on the marketing efforts for the community solar project, the inclusion of the Community Energy Plan in the Board's Strategic Plan, and the Board's meeting time.

Jim Hagen, 400 Lake Avenue, expressed concern with solar glare from the community solar project and suggested a glare study should be conducted.

26-09C Director Welling, supported by Director Polyak, moved to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda includes:

- Approve the May 18, 2026 Special Meeting and May 21, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Receive and File the May Financial Statements and Power Supply and Retail Sales Dashboards

- Receive and File the May Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Dashboard
- Receive and File the MPPA Energy Services Project Resource Position Report dated 06/01/2026
- Approve payment of bills in the amount of $2,732,483.56 from the Operation & Maintenance Fund
- Approve payment of bills in the amount of $2,021,550.36 from the Renewal & Replacement Fund

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

26-09D Director Welling, supported by Director Polyak, moved to approve the Purchase Order. The Purchase Order includes:

- Purchase Order #23704 to Boileau Communications in the amount of $40,000 for fiscal year 2027 customer and community education

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

26-09E Director Welling, supported by Director Polyak, moved to approve the fiscal year 2026 utility write offs.

Write off amounts remained consistent at $11,810.28 for fiscal year 2026, compared to $11,213.83 for fiscal year 2025. This indicates the right balance was found in the recent changes with winter shutoffs and lower deposits. Collection efforts will continue on these accounts.

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

26-09F Executive Consultant Steve Vandermeer discussed the strategic planning process and the General Manager presented the draft Strategic Plan. Some changes included a new "purpose" section, a wording change from "goals" to "expectations" to ensure a focus on outcomes rather than means, and the addition of a core value focusing on safety. Board feedback included the suggestion that cyber security be included more explicitly. Staff will bring the finalized plan for the Board's approval to its meeting in July.

No formal action taken.

26-09G Director Crum, supported by Director Welling, moved to approve the General Manager's performance evaluation with a score of "exceeds expectations" and a salary increase of 3% to be effective July 1, 2026.

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

Other Business

- Approval of the BLP's 130th anniversary celebration event will be on the City Council's July 6, 2026 agenda. Following approval, the event information will be shared.
- Community solar lease applications are now being accepted. Nine units have been sold. A unit costs $570 and there will be 1,000 units available in total. An additional 333 units will need to be sold by December 15, 2026 for the project to move forward.

Public Comment Period:

Jeffrey Miller, 1120 S. Harbor Drive, suggested some edits for the Strategic Plan draft.

Adjournment

At 6:53PM by motion of Director Welling, supported by Director Knoth, the June 18, 2026 Board meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Martin

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Secretary to the Board

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