

GRAND HAVEN BOARD OF LIGHT AND POWER
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A regular meeting of the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power was held on Thursday, July 16, 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, Polyak, Welling, and Westbrook.

Absent: Director Knoth.

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

26-10A Director Welling, supported by Director Crum, moved to excuse Director Knoth from the meeting due to personal reasons.

Roll Call Vote:

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

26-10B Director Polyak, supported by Director Welling, moved to approve the meeting agenda.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment Period:

Jeffrey Miller, 1120 S Harbor Drive, commented on the community solar project.

26-10C Director Welling, supported by Director Polyak, moved to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda includes:

- Approve the June 18, 2026 Special Meeting and June 18, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Receive and File the June Financial Statements and Power Supply and Retail Sales Dashboards
- Receive and File the June Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Dashboard
- Receive and File the MPPA Energy Services Project Resource Position Report dated 07/06/2026

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- Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$2,549,257.57 from the Operation & Maintenance Fund
- Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$596,774.85 from the Renewal & Replacement Fund

The Key Performance Indicators were reviewed in depth following the end of the fiscal year. Reliability was good overall. Sales were higher than budgeted July through January but then flipped in the second half of the year and less power was purchased than budgeted. Residential and commercial sales remained steady while large primary industrial sales saw a slight fall. Sales were down 0.85% in total for the year. Cash on hand ended a little lower than budgeted due to the purchase of the new building, which was an unplanned opportunity. In fiscal year 2026, 33% of purchased power came from renewable sources.

Roll Call Vote:

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

26-10D Director Welling, supported by Director Polyak, moved to approve the Purchase Orders. The Purchase Orders include:

- Purchase Order #23713 to the City of Grand Haven in the amount of \$360,440 for Harbor Island Fiscal Year 2027 Ground Water Monitoring through HDR
- Purchase Order #23714 to the City of Grand Haven in the amount of \$135,064 for Harbor Island Fiscal Year 2027 Ground Water Testing through Trace Labs
- Purchase Order #23721 to Western Tel-Com in the amount of \$51,513 for Directional Boring on Pennoyer Avenue
- Purchase Order #23725 to the City of Grand Haven in the amount of \$28,071 for Harbor Island RAA/CCR Communications

Purchase Order #23725 is for the BLP's required portion of the communications plan. Other items in the purchase order are optional and will be paid for by the City. The Remedial Alternative Analysis is expected to be available in August. City and BLP staff are looking to schedule a joint closed session on August 18th or 19th to discuss this report with legal counsel.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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26-10E The General Manager reviewed key points of the MERS 2025 report. The annual report dated December 31, 2025, indicates the BLP's defined benefit plan is 93% funded. For fiscal year 2026, MERS required an employer contribution of \$417,000. The BLP went above this required amount and contributed \$700,000. For fiscal year 2027, MERS estimates the employer contribution to be \$438,000. The BLP has again budgeted above the required amount at \$700,000. The report assumes a 6.79% annual rate of return. The actual rate of return over the prior ten years was 8.28%. The value of the fund as of December 31st rose from \$42.8 million in 2024 to \$46.9 million in 2025. This report represents only a snapshot in time as the markets change daily.

No formal action taken.

26-10F Director Welling, supported by Director Polyak, moved to approve the GHBLP Fiscal Years 2027-2031 Strategic Plan.

Staff will establish methods for measuring progress and reporting back to the Board. The progress for one area of strategic priority will be presented each quarter.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Other Business

- The BLP will hold a 130th anniversary celebration on September 12, 2026 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm at the Lynn Sherwood Waterfront Stadium.
- The proposed North Channel process has been approved by EGLE. The City will be going out for bids to complete this work. A contract will come back to the Board in the fall for approval.
- Twenty-five shares of the solar project have been sold. Marketing efforts are ongoing and include radio interviews and ads, information on the BLP website, bill stuffers to all customers, social media posts, and direct communication with key accounts from the General Manager. An informational booth will be hosted at the Farmer's Market in the coming weeks.
- During last week's high temperatures, a max generation alert was issued. This is the last step before utilities must ask for energy conservation efforts or conduct load shed procedures. Typical market costs are \$40-\$50 per megawatt hour. During this event, the costs rose to \$750 per megawatt hour.

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- The BLP has three current job openings: Journeyman Electrical Lineworker, Apprentice Tree Trimmer, and Finance Manager.

Public Comment Period:

Jeffrey Miller, 1120 S. Harbor Drive, commented on the General Manager's performance evaluation process.

Adjournment

At 6:58PM by motion of Director Crum, supported by Director Welling, the July 16, 2026 Board meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Danielle Martin".

Danielle Martin
Secretary to the Board

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