

GRAND HAVEN BOARD OF LIGHT AND POWER
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

A regular meeting of the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power was held on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 6:00 PM at Central Park Place, 421 Columbus Avenue 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, Finance Manager Lynn Diffell, Operations and Power Supply Manager Erik Booth, Distribution and Engineering Manager Austin Gagnon, and Information Technology Specialist Dan Deller.

25-13A 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.

25-13B Director Welling, supported by Director Polyak, 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:

Jim Hagen, 400 Lake Avenue, commented on the BLP making a presentation to the Airport Board at its October meeting.

25-13C Director Welling, supported by Director Polyak, moved to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda includes:

- Approve the August 21, 2025 meeting minutes
- Receive and File the August Financial Statements, Power Supply and Retail Sales Dashboards
- Receive and File the August Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Dashboard
- Receive and File the MPPA Energy Services Project Resource Position Report dated 08/29/2025

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- Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$5,053,024.39 from the Operation & Maintenance Fund
- Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$406,539.30 from the Renewal & Replacement Fund

Roll Call Vote:

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

25-13D Director Welling, supported by Director Polyak, moved to approve the Purchase Orders. The Purchase Orders include:

- Purchase Order #23540 to Border States in the amount of \$55,500 for 240 disconnect meters
- Purchase Order #23541 to Chop Tree Service in the amount of \$157,970 for fiscal year 2026 contractor tree trimming
- Purchase Order #23543 to Premier Power in the amount of \$35,604 for a GH-T1 bushing replacement
- Purchase Order #23545 to Premier Power in the amount of \$44,090 for 5-year maintenance on the Grand Haven substation

Roll Call Vote:

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

25-13E Director Welling, supported by Director Polyak, moved to approve the Electric Rules, Standards and Rates book effective October 1, 2025.

Many updates to the book are to ensure compliance with changes in legislation, including amendments to Public Act 95 and the implementation of year-round disconnects. Starting October 1, \$225,000 in energy assistance will be available with increased income eligibility for BLP customers in need. The deposit structure has been simplified to \$200 for all rental properties. If a rental customer is disconnected for non-payment, an additional \$50 deposit will be required up to a maximum of \$400. New additions include a winter protection payment plan, military shutoff protections, heating season shutoff guidelines, and a complaint procedure. Reconnection fees were updated to reflect the use of advanced meters.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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25-13F Director Welling, supported by Director Polyak, moved to approve the 2026 Board meeting schedule.

A schedule of agenda topics by month was reviewed. Staff is planning to bring proposals for a strategic planning consultant to the Board in January. The Board will hold a work session in April and review a draft of the plan in May. Staff will continue to gather stakeholder input at the upcoming open house and through planned events in early 2026. The final draft of the strategic plan is expected to be presented to the Board for approval in June. The Board would like to propose joint meetings with the City Council to be held in May and October just before one of the regularly scheduled Council meetings.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Other Business

- The BLP will be holding an open house for Public Power Week on October 9th from 3:30pm to 6:30pm
- Contractors are working on the Harbor Drive underground project and should be done by November 15th
- The BLP experienced a firewall failure this week; however, staff is happy to report recent investments paid off and redundancy measures were successful
- The MMEA annual conference was held this week with good Board attendance and nice feedback about the BLP from other attendees

No formal action taken.

Public Comment Period: none.

Adjournment

At 6:42PM by motion of Director Welling, supported by Director Polyak, the September 25, 2025 Board meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Danielle Martin
Secretary to the Board

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