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A regular meeting of the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power was held on Thursday, April 28, 2025, at 6:00 PM at the Board's office located 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.

25-04A Director Knoth, supported by Director Welling, moved to approve the meeting agenda.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment Period: None.

25-04B Director Welling, supported by Director Polyak, moved to approve the consent agenda.

The consent agenda includes:

- Approve the minutes of the March 20, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
- Receive and File the March Financial Statements, Power Supply and Retail Sales Dashboards
- Receive and File the March Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Dashboard
- Receive and File the MPPA Energy Services Project Resource Position Report dated 03/27/2025
- Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$2,261,229.82 from the Operation & Maintenance Fund
- Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$199,422.71 from the Renewal & Replacement Fund
- Approve Purchase Order #23376 to Koppers in the amount of \$16,920 for distribution wood poles for BLP stock

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- Approve Purchase Order #23379 to Power Line Supply in the amount of \$109,867 for GH-T1 transformer bushings

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

25-04C Director Welling, supported by Director Polyak, moved to approve the Purchase Orders. The Purchase Orders include:

- Purchase Order #23364 to Border States in the amount of \$40,829 for electric meters for BLP stock
- Purchase Order #23370 to Irby in the amount of \$112,906 for 32 overhead transformers for BLP stock
- Purchase Order #23378 to the Holland Board of Public Works in the amount of \$8,000 for LEDS safety training
- Purchase Order #23380 to Dykstra Landscape in the amount of \$8,130 for Eaton Drive and Osipoff Substation lawn care
- Purchase Order #23389 to Dewitt Trenching in the amount of \$21,600 for directional bore services for Sterns Bayou
- Purchase Order #23392 to HIS Workplace in the amount of \$6,300 for fiscal year 2026 safety training videos
- Purchase Order #23393 to Koppers in the amount of \$108,386 for distribution wood poles for capital improvement plan projects

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

25-04D Distribution and Engineering Manager Austin Gagnon provided a transmission and distribution strategic goals update.

Of the four goals established in the Strategic Plan for the transmission and distribution area of focus, three have been completed and the last one is in progress. A full system audit has been conducted and since 2020 five major capital projects have been completed. In progress capital improvement plan projects are running behind schedule. Material costs are up 25-100% with increased lead times. Contract labor rates are also up, in some cases as much as 100%. Due to

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these factors, the budgeted capital plan is expected to grow to \$5 million per year. Upcoming projects in the capital plan focus on hardening overhead and strategic undergrounding.

Reliability data was also reviewed. In 2024, the average BLP customer experienced 2.4 outages per year and have been without power for only 3.9 hours. These results meet the Board's established Key Performance Indicator goal for the average customer to experience a loss of power for fewer than four hours per year. The average outage restoration time improved from 1.8 hours in 2023 to 1.6 hours in 2024. Of 506 outages experienced in 2024, 284 were planned, 106 were due to trees, 24 to animals, with the remainder due to bad underground, fuses, or substations.

No formal action taken.

25-04E Finance Manager Lynn Diffell presented the preliminary capital plan and expense budget.

The BLP is seeing a decrease in Mwh's sold per year. In fiscal year 2023, retail sales totaled 283,192 Mwh. For fiscal year 2026, the forecasted amount has dropped to 266,910 Mwh. Despite the decrease in sales, the BLP is in a low risk position with each customer category (residential, industrial, and commercial) representing approximately 30% of sales. 69% of budgeted operating expenses are allocated to purchased power, totaling \$20 million. The transfer to the City of Grand Haven is expected to be \$1.84 million. The five year capital plan totals \$27.6 million, with fiscal year 2026 accounting for \$7.2 million of this total, including \$2.2 million for building renovations. The environmental remediation surcharge is budgeted to continue through fiscal year 2026 and will collect an additional \$1 million for future Harbor Island costs. Cash is expected to decrease from \$30 million to \$26 million during the fiscal year 2026.

No formal action taken.

25-04F Chairperson Westbrook asked the Board to keep Wednesday, May 21st at 6:00pm open for a potential joint BLP and City Council meeting.

No formal action taken.

Other Business

- The BLP received a 2024 Diamond Level Safety Award from the American Public Power Association. This is the highest level that can be earned.
- The BLP had a rotation of one crew, or three employees at a time, doing mutual aid work in northern Michigan for the past three weeks following the ice storms. All employees have now returned home.
- MMEA's "Impact Report" was shared, which summarizes data on public power in Michigan. The study found that public power customers in the state of Michigan save \$402 million per year.

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Public Comment Period: None.

Adjournment

At 7:00 PM by motion of Director Welling, supported by Director Knoth, the April 28, 2025 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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