

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF LOWELL LIGHT AND POWER  
SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2011**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**: The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m. by Chairman Canfield. Present were Beachum, Canfield, Hall, Johnston and Valentine. Also present were General Manager Pierce, Electric Distribution Manager Russo, Chief Accountant Donkersloot, City of Lowell Mayor Hodges and City Manager Mark Howe.
- II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**: There was a motion by Beachum and a second by Hall to approve the agenda as presented.
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** (Items not on the agenda): There was no public comment.
- IV. **ACTION ITEMS**:

- **Bio-Digestion RFPS**: Pierce stated he believed we could narrow the site options to the Chatham building and the Fairgrounds. Chatham has plenty of property and the Fair is looking at possibly moving by the expressway where they own 400 acres.

Pierce discussed the partnership arrangement. He has confirmation that LLP owning the project and leasing it to a developer will not work to get the 1603 Grant. Ideally, we would partner with someone who would put the money up front to get the 30% tax credit then we would buy the facility after five years.

Pierce sent out seven RFP's and received five responses. Pierce reviewed the specifics of five respondents, Novi Energy, they are building the Fremont facility; UTS out of Eaton Rapids; a combination of Fishbeck and Seimans, Fishbeck would provide the engineering and Seimans would provide the equipment. The fourth option is Eisenmanns. The last option is SPART, a local development company partnered with German technology; their system is proven to be 15-20% more efficient than other facilities. After significant discussions by the Board and a review of the strengths and drawbacks to each proposal, there was a motion by Beachum and a second by Hall to

approve moving forward with SPART on the Chatham Street location. The motion passed by unanimous vote of the Board.

- **Combustion Turbine**: Pierce reviewed the Engineering report provided by Resource Engineering. This system meets our immediate renewable energy needs. Pierce, Russo and Donkersloot are going to the Ford plant on Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> to view this unit.

There was a motion made by Beachum supported by Hall to approve the General Manager to begin the negotiation process on this unit. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Board.

V. **NEXT REGULAR LLP BOARD MEETING**: The next scheduled Board meeting will be held, Tuesday, September 13, 2011.

VI. **BOARD COMMENTS**: There were no Board comments.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**: There was a motion by Hall and a second by Johnston to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Board.

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Chairman Canfield

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