

**MINUTES
BOARD OF LOWELL LIGHT AND POWER
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 10, 2013**

I. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Chairman Canfield and General Manager Greg Pierce called the roll.

Present: Board Members Perry Beachum, Greg Canfield and Maryalene Laponsie.

Absent: Andrew Johnston & Tina Cadwallader.

Also Present: General Manager Greg Pierce, Chief Accountant Donkersloot, Electric Distribution Manager Russo, Utility Services Coordinator Morris, City of Lowell Mayor Hodges

It was MOVED BY LAPONSIE, supported by BEACHUM to excuse the absence of Johnston and Cadwallader.

Yea: 3 Nay: 0 Absent: 2 Motion Carried

II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

It was MOVED BY LAPONSIE, supported by BEACHUM to approve the agenda as presented.

Yea: 3 Nay: 0 Absent: 2 Motion Carried

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

It was MOVED BY BEACHUM, supported by LAPONSIE to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2013 regular meeting.

Yea: 3 Nay: 0 Absent: 2 Motion Carried

It was MOVED BY LAPONSIE, supported by BEACHUM to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2013 closed session meeting.

Yea: 3 Nay: 0 Absent: 2 Motion Carried

It was MOVED BY BEACHUM, supported by LAPONSIE to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2013 closed session meeting.

Yea: 3 Nay: 0 Absent: 2 Motion Carried

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Items not on the agenda):

Ralph Brecken (Cedar Springs) commented on the possibility of a public meeting to discuss the LLP Combustion Turbines.

V. ACTION ITEMS:

A. 2014 Retiree COLA Valuation:

Pierce reported on the valuation received from MERS based on a 1.7% retiree COL increase through the Flexible E Benefit option. The dollar amount to be paid upfront for this benefit would be \$33,340.

It was MOVED BY LAPONSIE, supported by BEACHUM to approve the 1.7% retiree COL increase Flexible E Benefit option for retirees of \$33,340.

This will be presented at the City Council meeting for final approval.

Yea: 3 Nay: 0 Absent: 2 Motion Carried

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. Performance Data: Pierce reported on the two additional items for the August and September's performance data.

One outage occurred in the month of September; effecting 40 customers. This outage was caused by a DPW worker who hit an underground riser pole with a lawn mower.

Our outage statistics still indicate we are available 99.98% of the time.

B. Income Statement (September 2013): Pierce reported on September's Income Statement.

Pierce reviewed the Capital expense summary and detailed Capital expense report.

B. Manager's Report: Pierce gave updates to the Board on the following items.

- **MPPA/MMEA/APPA Updates:** Pierce reported on Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) & the MMEA fall conference.
- **System/Generation Upgrade Progress:** Pierce stated the Solar turbine is up and running.
- **Biodigestion Update:** Final funding documents for SPART will be signed in the next few weeks.
- **Adopt a Road:** Fall pick-up occurred October 1st. Several employees and Board Members collected 18 bags for trash along Alden Nash coming into Lowell.
- **Harvest Festival:** Saturday, October 12th, 11-2 we will be grilling, offer pumpkin painting, bucket rides, CT tours, and sharing energy savings tips.
- **Riverside Building Maintenance:** The paper removal and painting is complete.
- **Payables:** Pierce presented September payables.

D. Schedule of Meetings: Pierce presented the schedule of October meetings to the Board.

E. Complaint Register: One complaint was received regarding the recent .99 charge for the State LIEAF fund.

VII. NEXT REGULAR LLP BOARD MEETING: The next Board meeting will be held, Thursday, November 14th, 2013.

VIII. BOARD COMMENT:

Beachum stated he and Teresa enjoyed helping on the adopt-a-road clean up this fall. He thanked Maryalene for serving on the LLP Board.

Laponsie mentioned this is her last meeting since she is moving out of the City. She appreciates being a part of this Board for the short time she served. Laponsie stated; before serving on the LLP Board, “I used to turn my light switch on and the lights came on”. She did not previously understand or appreciate the details involved in bringing reliable power to Lowell residents.

Canfield thanked Laponsie for her contribution to the LLP Board.

Mayor Hodges gave an update on the Riverwalk expansion. He announced the purchase of a new fire truck; stating it was a community purchase made by the City, Lowell and Vergennes townships. He also mentioned all the events going on during the Harvest Festival on Saturday. Mayor Hodges thanked Laponsie for her dedication and input in serving on the City Council, Planning Commission, Arbor Board and the LLP Board.

It was MOVED BY LAPONSIE, supported by BEACHUM to go into closed session at 6:37 p.m to discuss union negotiations.

Yea: 3 Nay: 0 Absent: 2 Motion Carried

It was MOVED BY BEACHUM, supported by LAPONSIE to come out of closed session at 6:45 P.M. and return to the regular meeting.

Yea: 3 Nay: 0 Absent: 2 Motion Carried

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**: IT WAS MOVED BY BEACHUM and a supported by LAPONSIE to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Yea: 3 Nay: 0 Absent: 2 Motion Carried

Chairman Canfield

Date