Minutes for the Board of Lowell Light & Power's Regular Meeting – January 10, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Beachum at 6:00 p.m., and General Manager West called the roll.

Present: Perry Beachum, Andrew Schrauben, Tina Cadwallader,

Daniel Crawford, and Craig Fonger

Absent: None

Also Present: General Manager Charlie West, City Council Liaison Jim

Salzwedel, Distribution Manager Ryan Teachworth,

Generation Superintendent Casey Mier, Office Manager Julie Stewart, and Past Board Member Jeff Dickerman

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

It was MOVED BY CRAWFORD, SUPPORTED BY SCHRAUBEN, to approve the agenda as presented.

Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was MOVED BY FONGER, SUPPORTED BY SCHRAUBEN, to approve the December 13, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS (for items not on the agenda):

There was no public comment.

V. ACTION ITEMS:

A. MPPA Business Model Risk Assessment Presentation:

MPPA's Director of Strategic Energy Resources and Services Steve Donkersloot presented Lowell's Business Model Risk Assessment as part of MPPA's Business Model Risk Assessment (BMRA) strategic objective. Donkersloot presented Lowell's Retail Rate Competitiveness, Customer Concentration, and Distributed Energy Resource (DER) Readiness. No action was taken.

B. <u>Hart Solar Power Purchase Commitment Amendment:</u>

Due to changing circumstances for developing solar projects, MPPA negotiated Purchase Power Agreement amendments for the Hart Solar Project. West presented the Amended and Restated Power Purchase Commitment for the board's consideration. The major changes are delaying the commercial operation date by approximately one year, from June 2024 to June 2025, and a contract rate increase of 15%, from \$42.10/MWh to \$48.50/MWh. Staff recommended to approve the Hart Solar Amended and Restated Power Purchase Commitment.

It was MOVED BY CRAWFORD, SUPPORTED BY FONGER, to approve the Hart Solar Amended and Restated Power Purchase Commitment.

Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

C. Review and Adoption of Updates Time-of-Use Rates:

When the board approved the updated rates during the December 2022 Board Meeting, the rate package did not include an update to the Residential Time-of-Use rate. General Manager West presented an Updated Residential Time-of-Use Rate design for board consideration, with an 8.5% rate increase for the Residential TOU rate, which mirrors the rate increase for the standard residential rate. It was staff's recommendation to approve the Residential TOU (RT 111) updated rate design.

It was MOVED BY FONGER, SUPPORTED BY CRAWFORD, to approve the Updated Residential Time-of-Use Rate Design as presented.

Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. <u>Board Training Session Disconnect for Non-Payment Procedure:</u>
 Office Manager Stewart presented the Disconnect for Non-Payment Procedure to the board.
- **B.** Performance Data: West reported on the December 2022 data.
- C. <u>Monthly Outage Report</u>: There were 2 outages in the month of December.
- **D.** <u>Income Statement:</u> West reported on the December 2022 Income Statement.
- **E.** <u>Capital Projects Report:</u> West reported on the December 2022 Capital Projects Report.
- **F.** <u>Manager's Report:</u> West provided written updates to the Board on the following items:
 - MPPA/MMEA/APPA Update
 - Distribution & Generation Department Update
 - Safety Update
 - Facility Projects
 - Lineshack
 - Transformer Fire
 - Soil Gas Mitigation
 - IIJA/IRA
 - Time-of-Use Rate Implementation
 - Customer Survey
 - Solar Interconnections
 - GIS
 - Ron's Retirement
 - Work Anniversaries
 - Payables
- **G.** Schedule of Meetings: January/February was presented.

VII. <u>NEXT REGULAR LL&P BOARD MEETING</u>: Scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at the Energy Center.

VIII. BOARD COMMENT:

Cadwallader thanked Steve for coming and appreciated his wealth of knowledge, congratulated Ron on his retirement, and expressed appreciation for all the staff (the "dream team"). Crawford congratulated Ron, Julie, and Zac, and thanked Casey for coming in during the MISO event. Schrauben congratulated Julie and Zac on their anniversaries, expressed appreciation to Julie for the board training session, and congratulated Ron on his retirement. Salzwedel proposed the idea of a joint key account program. Fonger congratulated Julie on 12 years, thanked Ryan and Casey for their hard work and dedication, and congratulated Ron on his retirement. Beachum expressed interest in adding an APLUS donation option to the customer portal, inquired into access of the bill insert for paperless customers, broached the idea of a future joint board meeting, inquired into the city charter requirements for submitting the budget, and congratulated Julie, Zac, and Ron.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED BY CRAWFORD, SUPPORTED BY CADWALLADER to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Yea: 5	Nay: 0	Absent: 0	Motion Carried	
Chairman Beachum			 Date	