# Minutes for the Board of Lowell Light & Power's Regular Meeting – September 12, 2023

### i. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

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

Present:

Perry Beachum, Craig Fonger, Tina Cadwallader, Daniel

Crawford & Andrew Schrauben

Absent:

None

Also Present:

General Manager Charlie West, Mayor Mike DeVore,

Distribution Manager Ryan Teachworth, Generation

Superintendent Casey Mier, and Financial Analyst Megan

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## II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

It was MOVED BY FONGER, 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 CADWALLADER, SUPPORTED BY FONGER, to approve the August 15, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Yea: 5

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

**Motion Carried** 

#### IV. SAFETY MOMENT:

General Manager West introduced a new segment of the board meetings and presented a safety moment on distracted walking.

# V. <u>PUBLIC COMMENTS (for items not on the agenda):</u>

There was no public comment.

#### VI. ACTION ITEMS:

There were no action items.

## VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. <u>Lineshack Update:</u> Mayor DeVore provided an update on the Lineshack sale progress.
- **B.** <u>MPPA Customer-Driven Utility Benchmarking:</u> West presented the Customer-Driven Utility Benchmarking report.
- C. <u>Customer Survey Update:</u> West provided an update on the Strategic Planning Workshop.
- **D.** Performance Data: West reported on the August 2023 data.
- E. Monthly Outage Report: There were 17 outages in the month of August.
- F. <u>Income Statement:</u> West reported on the August 2023 Income Statement.
- **G.** Capital Projects Report: West reported on the August 2023 Capital Projects Report.
- **H.** <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
  - IJA/IRA
  - Customer Survey
  - RP3 Application
  - IT Update
  - Valuation Study
  - Energy Saving Trees
  - Public Power Week
  - City Alternative Schedule
  - Annual Audit
  - Milsoft Value Assessment
  - MMEA Fall Conference
  - Company Picnic
  - Work Anniversaries
  - Payables
- I. <u>Schedule of Meetings:</u> September/October was presented.
- J. <u>Supplemental Information:</u> West provided supplemental information to the Board on the following items:
  - Performance Data Chart

- Full Income Statement
- August Payables

VIII. NEXT REGULAR LL&P BOARD MEETING: Scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at the Energy Center.

### IX. BOARD COMMENT:

Crawford thanked the board for excusing his absence the last two meetings, thanked the mayor for reappointing him, and thanked everyone for the gift basket for his new baby girl. Cadwallader stated LL&P rocks, relayed a story from work on the Friday after the storm where co-workers pointed out that everyone around Lowell was without power but Lowell was powered up, mentioned the Fallasburg Arts Festival, and advocated for looking into alternative schedules for staff. Schrauben also advocated for analyzing staff schedules and customer needs. thanked staff for speaking up when necessary, stated he was impressed with how quickly the lineman worked to remove and chip branches after the storm, and expressed appreciation to LL&P for giving the Robotics team the space to work. Fonger echoed his advocacy for looking at alternative staff schedules via a data driven and customer needs method, mentioned the Fallasburg Arts Festival, congratulated Jaramie on his 3 year anniversary, and asked about help for elderly customers. DeVore thanked Charlie and staff for their donation to the Fire Department on behalf of his father, and thanked the board for their dedication to learn the industry. Beachum thanked the Mayor for sitting in the meeting. broached the idea of having a workshop with City Council, expressed gratitude for the lineman and staff's work during the storm, gave highlights from the last Strategic Planning Session, reminded board members to do their KnowBe4 trainings, and mentioned Pink Arrow Week coming up, along with the articles about the Teachworth and West families in the paper.

# X. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED BY FONGER, SUPPORTED BY CRAWFORD to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 9:14 p.m.

Yea: 5

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Motion Carried

Chairperso**n** Beachum

10/10/2023