

**Minutes for the
Board of Lowell Light & Power's
Regular Meeting – February 13, 2024
LL&P Energy Center (625 Chatham St)**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Beachum at 6:02 p.m., and General Manager West called the roll.

Present: Perry Beachum, Craig Fonger, Daniel Crawford & Andrew Schrauben

Absent: Tina Cadwallader

Also Present: General Manager Charlie West, City Council Liaison Jim Salzwedel, City Council Member Eric Bartkus, Distribution Manager Ryan Teachworth, Generation Superintendent Casey Mier, and Office Manager Julie Stewart

It was MOVED BY CRAWFORD, SUPPORTED BY SCHRAUBEN, to excuse Tina Cadwallader's absence.

Yea: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

Yea: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was MOVED BY SCHRAUBEN, SUPPORTED BY FONGER, to approve the January 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Yea: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

IV. SAFETY MOMENT:

General Manager West gave a safety moment about human trafficking.

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

There was no public comment.

VI. ACTION ITEMS:

A. White Tail Solar Power Purchase Commitment Authorization:

General Manager West presented Lowell's power supply forecast, and reviewed the White Tail Solar Power Purchase Commitment (PPC) Authorization for board

consideration. As part of a diversified approach to securing LL&P's capacity position, MPPA recommended participation in this project. In addition, staff recommended to approve the White Tail Solar PPC Authorization.

It was MOVED BY CRAWFORD, SUPPORTED BY FONGER, to authorize the General Manager to approve the Tail Solar PPC Authorization, contingent on MPPA approval.

Yea: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

B. Strategic Plan Review – Strategic Priorities:

General Manager West shared Steve VanderMeer's presentation on Strategic Planning and Priorities, followed by board discussion. The Board provided feedback to the General Manager, and determined to discuss changes to the LL&P Strategic Plan at the next regular board meeting. No action was taken.

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Fuse Cutout Presentation:** Teachworth and Mier gave a presentation regarding fuse cutouts and Circuit 204 reliability improvements.
- B. Performance Data:** West reported on the January 2024 data.
- C. Monthly Outage Report:** Teachworth reported on four outages in the month of January.
- D. Income Statement:** West reported on the January 2024 Income Statement.
- E. Capital Projects Report:** West reported on the January 2024 Capital Projects Report.
- F. Manager's Report:** 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
 - RP3 Application
 - IT Update
 - Valuation Study
 - Website Refresh
 - Alternative Schedule
 - Business-to-Customer Payments
 - GIS Update
 - ATT Joint Use Agreement
 - Arbor Board Funding
 - 2024 MPPA Stakeholder Meeting
 - MERS Surplus Contributions
 - Solar Opportunity

- Public Power Data Se (PPDS)
- Energy Center Furnace Replacement
- APPA Legislative Rally
- UFS
- Chamber of Commerce's Annual Gathering of the Membership
- Cyber Security Training
- Work Anniversaries
- Payables

G. **Schedule of Meetings:** February/March was presented.

H. **Supplemental Information:** West provided supplemental information to the Board on the following items:

- Sales and Cash & Investments Performance Data Charts
- Benevolence Report
- Full Income Statement
- January Payables

VIII. **NEXT REGULAR LL&P BOARD MEETING:** Scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at the Energy Center.

IX. **BOARD COMMENT:**

Schrauben appreciated the photos included in the board packet and suggested adding images within the Strategic Plan, and admired the new website. Crawford thanked the staff for all their update efforts including the website and GIS, and expressed gratitude for the cutout presentation. Fonger was grateful for the new public WIFI login, expressed admiration and surprise at the safety moment on human trafficking, appreciated the approach from everyone on how they can improve the Strategic Plan, and thanked Councilmember Bartkus for joining the meeting. Salzwedel reported that he is still waiting to hear back about the Lineshack and stated no City Council representative will be able to attend the next board meeting. Bartkus expressed gratitude for being able to attend and will take what he's learned to city council. Beachum emphasized the importance of IT security and asked for an update on the truck replacement.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED BY CRAWFORD, SUPPORTED BY FONGER to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Yea: 4

Nay: 0

Absent: 1

Motion Carried



Vice Chairperson Fonger

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Date