

**Minutes for the  
Board of Lowell Light & Power's  
Regular Meeting – October 15, 2024**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Beachum at 5:58 p.m., and General Manager West called the roll.

**Present:** Perry Beachum, Craig Fonger, Daniel Crawford, and Andrew Schrauben (arrived 6:06pm – after Public Comment)

**Absent:** Tina Cadwallader

**Also Present:** General Manager Charlie West, 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 FONGER, to excuse Andrew Schrauben and Tina Cadwallader's absences.

Yea: 3      Nay: 0      Absent: 2      Motion Carried

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

Yea: 3      Nay: 0      Absent: 2      Motion Carried

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

It was MOVED BY CRAWFORD, SUPPORTED BY FONGER, to approve the September 17, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Yea: 3      Nay: 0      Absent: 2      Motion Carried

**IV. SAFETY MOMENT:**

Distribution Manager Teachworth presented a safety moment about slips, trips, and falls.

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

There was no public comment.

VI. **ACTION ITEMS:**

A. **Fiscal Year 2024 Audit Presentation and Acceptance:**

Matt Smith from Vredevelde Haefner LLC presented a summary of the Fiscal Year 2024 Auditors' Report (year ending June 30, 2024) and letter from the auditors to the LL&P Board. Lowell Light and Power received a clean audit – the highest opinion that can be received. West recommended to approve the audited financial statements for Fiscal Year 2024.

It was MOVED BY FONGER, SUPPORTED BY CRAWFORD, to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Audit as presented.

Yea: 4            Nay: 0            Absent: 1            Motion Carried

B. **Second Amended and Restated Power Purchase Commitment Authorization – Hart Solar:**

West presented the Second Amended and Restated Power Purchase Commitment (PPC) Authorization for the Hart Solar Project for board consideration. The amended PPC included new pricing for the project with a 32% increase over the price in the first amendment, and larger financial guarantees and obligations for the developer to replace capacity if the commercial operation date is delayed. Additionally, it provided the opportunity to acquire below market-rate capacity for the next supply year and pushed the commercial operation date from June 1, 2025 to December 1, 2026. Staff recommended to authorize and direct the General Manager to execute the Second Amended and Restated PPC Authorization for Hart Solar.

It was MOVED BY FONGER, SUPPORTED BY CRAWFORD, to authorize and direct the General Manager to execute the Second Amended and Restated Power Purchase Commitment Authorization for Hart Solar as presented.

Yea: 4            Nay: 0            Absent: 1            Motion Carried

VII. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

A. **Performance Data:** West reported on the September 2024 data.

B. **Monthly Outage Report:** Teachworth reported on the two outages in the month of September.

C. **Income Statement:** West reported on the September 2024 Income Statement.

D. **Capital Projects Report:** West reported on the September 2024 Capital Projects Report.

E. **Distribution Report:** Walker and Teachworth provided written updates to the board on Distribution department progress.

F. **Generation Report:** Mier provided written updates to the board on Generation department progress.

- G. **Office Report:** Stewart and Mora provided written updates to the board on Office department progress.
- H. **Manager's Report:** West provided written updates to the Board on the following items:
- MPPA/MMEA/APPA Update
  - Safety Update
  - Lineshack
  - IT Update
  - GIS Update
  - Staffing Update
  - Creekside Kingdom Rebuild
  - Earned Sick Leave Act
  - Standard and Poor's Surveillance Review
  - Mutual Aid Request
  - UFS – Annual Update/Rate Design
  - Employment Agreement
  - Community Benefit Analysis
  - Work Anniversaries
  - Payables
- I. **Schedule of Meetings:** October/November was presented.
- J. **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
  - S&P Surveillance Review Report
  - September Payables

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

IX. **BOARD COMMENT:**

Schrauben appreciated the staff reports, expressed appreciation to the LL&P team that went to Florida on mutual aid, congratulated Ryan on his award, and thanked the staff for their help with Creekside Kingdom rebuild and sponsoring the Harvest Hustle 5k. Bartkus expressed appreciation for seeing how the LL&P board organizes their meetings. Crawford congratulated Jarred on 2 years, also congratulated Ryan on his award, thanked the team that went to Florida for mutual aid, thanked the staff for their volunteer time for Creekside Kingdom rebuild and tree giveaway, and the staff's great efforts. Fonger congratulated Ryan on his award, expressed appreciation for the staff working together on events, thanked those who helped with Creekside Kingdom, and mentioned the great attention to the social media post about the crew going down to

Florida. Beachum also thanked the team that helped with Creekside Kingdom, mentioned that LL&P was highlighted in APPA's magazine, congratulated Ryan on his well-deserved award, suggested that the City create a fund to help with customers behind on water bills, and thanked the staff and board members for supporting providing mutual aid.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED BY FONGER, SUPPORTED BY SCHRAUBEN, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Yea: 4

Nay: 0

Absent: 1

Motion Carried

PERRY BEACHUM  
Chairperson Beachum

11/12/2024  
Date