

**Minutes for the
Board of Lowell Light & Power's
Regular Meeting – December 10, 2024**

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, and Daniel Crawford

Absent: Tina Cadwallader and Andrew Schrauben

Also Present: General Manager Charlie West, City Council Liaison Jim Salzwedel, Transitional Distribution Manager Zac Walker, 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 November 12, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Yea: 3 Nay: 0 Absent: 2 Motion Carried

IV. SAFETY MOMENT:

Stewart presented a safety moment about holiday travel safety.

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

There was no public comment.

VI. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Review and Potential Adoption of 2025 Electric Rates:

Jillian Jurczyk of Utility Financial Solutions (UFS) presented results of updated financial projections and the proposed electric rates for the board's consideration, to be effective for the 2025 calendar year. The rate design included an overall rate adjustment of 0.5%, eliminated the renewable energy

charge to be incorporated into the energy and customer charge, and updated the Solar/Net Billing Rate. Staff recommended the board adopt the proposed electric rates.

It was MOVED BY CRAWFORD, SUPPORTED BY FONGER, to approve the UFS Rate Plan for the 2025 calendar year as presented, effective January 2025, resulting in a 0.5% overall rate increase.

Yea: 3 Nay: 0 Absent: 2 Motion Carried

B. Benevolence Budget Update:

Based on anticipation of exceeding the aggregate in-kind benevolence budget due to LL&P significant role in the project to rebuild Creekside Kingdom, staff recommended to amend the in-kind benevolence budget from \$12,000 to \$20,000 for the purpose of complying with Policy 5-9.

It was MOVED BY FONGER, SUPPORTED BY CRAWFORD, to amend Policy 5-9: Benevolence as presented, with an in-kind benevolence budget increase to \$20,000.

Yea: 3 Nay: 0 Absent: 2 Motion Carried

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. **Earned Sick Time Act Presentation:** West presented on the Earned Sick Time Act.
- B. **Performance Data:** West reported on the November 2024 data.
- C. **Monthly Outage Report:** Walker reported on the one outage in the month of November.
- D. **Income Statement:** West reported on the November 2024 Income Statement.
- E. **Capital Projects Report:** West reported on the November 2024 Capital Projects Report.
- F. **Distribution Report:** Walker and Teachworth provided written updates to the board on Distribution department progress.
- G. **Generation Report:** Mier provided written updates to the board on Generation department progress.
- H. **Office Report:** Stewart and Mora provided written updates to the board on Office department progress.
- I. **Manager's Report:** West provided written updates to the Board on the following items:
 - MPPA/MMEA/APPA Update
 - Safety Update
 - IT Update
 - Staffing Update
 - City Council
 - Lowell Ledger

- Electric Vehicle Event
- Earned Sick Leave Act
- UFS – Annual Update/Rate Design
- Employment Agreement
- KnowBe4 Cyber Security Training
- Site Security
- Community Benefit Analysis
- Work Anniversaries
- Payables

J. **Schedule of Meetings:** December/January was presented.

K. **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
- November Payables

VIII. **NEXT REGULAR LL&P BOARD MEETING:** Scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at the Energy Center.

IX. **BOARD COMMENT:**

Crawford welcomed the new employees to LL&P and congratulated Hillary and Charlie for their 4 years of service. Beachum thanked Ryan Hanacek for making an appearance at the beginning of the meeting, expressed a general appreciation for LL&P staff and more specifically an appreciation for how LL&P staff proactively address, and commended the board and staff for the conversation related to the Earned Sick Time Act. Salzwedel thanked the board for the level of engagement he is afforded during LL&P meetings and expressed the high value engaging with the LL&P board offers him. Beachum responded in-kind, highlighted the value that Salzwedel brings to the table, and encouraged his continued involvement.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**


It was MOVED BY FONGER, SUPPORTED BY CRAWFORD, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Yea: 3

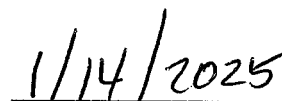
Nay: 0

Absent: 2

Motion Carried



 Chairperson Beachum



 Date